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Washington, Yesterday.
A first-class scandal appears to be brewing as the result of allegations made before the Senate's Finance Committee that the State Department pressed the National City Company last year to complete a twenty million dollar loan to the Colombian Government, and a few days before the company consented, Colombia granted an important oil concession to the Gulf Oil Company controlled by the Mellon family, which concession, it is alleged, was held up to the bank as a reason for accommodating the Colombian Government. The State Department refutes

BRITAIN AND IRISH FREE STATE.

Improving Trade
Relations.
COLLABORATION.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Walter Runciman, and Irish Free State Ministers for Industry and Agriculture had further discussions to-day upon means of improving trade between the two countries and securing mutual collaboration in trade problems. Expressing Government's desire for such co-operation, Mr. Runciman said that when Parliament re-assembled a statement would be made on Government's policy for developing inter-commonwealth trade.—British Wireless Service.

the allegations that a concession was granted in return for the Department's "good offices" to secure completion of the loan, but it flatly refused to accede to the demand of Senator Johnson to-day that the Department's correspondence on the subject should be submitted to the Finance Committee.—Reuter's American Service.

CAPTAIN EDEN'S IMPORTANT MANSION HOUSE SPEECH

WHAT BRITAIN HAS DONE TOWARDS LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS

EXAMPLE OTHER POWERS SHOULD FOLLOW

GRAVE RISKS TAKEN THAT HER CONTRIBUTION MIGHT BE EFFECTIVE, STRIKING AND PATENTLY SINCERE.

Rugby, Yesterday.

A statement that Britain would welcome completion of the London Naval Treaty by an agreement between France, Italy and herself was made by Captain Eden, Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, in an important speech at the Mansion House to-day.

He added, "It is a source of regret to us that that hope had not yet been realised, and it would be a helpful send-off to the Disarmament Conference, were it able to record, in its early stages, the concurrence of the two largest Naval Powers in Europe, after ourselves, in terms of this latest limitation of naval armaments."

Captain Eden was speaking at a meeting, convened by the Lord Mayor of London, on behalf of the League of Nations Union, and attended by civic representatives from all parts of Britain to consider disarmament. He said that the British delegation could approach the Conference with a clear conscience that Britain had, in all fields of armaments since the war, continuously striven to give a lead in disarmament.

Our Example.

"Deliberately, and because of our belief that excessive armaments are not an insurance of world security but a menace to it, we have urged nations to consider a reduction of armaments by the most effective means in our power — by example. Almost alone among the great Powers we have not increased our expenditure on armaments during the past five years. We have done even more than this, for our reductions, since the Armistice, have been continuous and drastic and clear for all to see. When our obligations to our own people, when our commitments, solemnly undertaken in the eyes of the world, are recalled, it will at once be perceived that we have taken risks, grave risks, that our contribution might be effective, striking and patently sincere. None will regret these risks, if they bring us the fruits we seek."

Army — A Police Force.

The British Army, said Captain Eden, was now little more than a police of force in no respect larger than our immediate Imperial duties required. The Navy had been successively reduced, first voluntarily at the end of the war, and then by successive treaties.

Air Reduction.

But our Air reductions had been the most drastic of all, for at the end of the war, with an Air Force second to none, Britain had voluntarily scrapped

seven-eighths of it and to-day, in spite of London's vulnerability to air attack, Britain ranked only fifth among the world's air powers. He hoped the Disarmament Conference would remove that discrepancy. Britain could do no more alone, and other nations now must do their share. When the Disarmament Conference ended, he trusted they would, at least, have a method whereby

FINE.

The Royal Observatory's report issued to-day states:—A fresh cyclone is forming over N.E. China. Forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate; fine.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day — nil. Total since January 1—nil against an average of 0.41 inch—deficit 0.41 inch.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—
Hong Kong 59
Macao 58
Pratas Island 63
Manila 72
Fochow 40
Amoy 58
Chefoo 36
Shanghai 38

armaments might be measured and checked, and that thereby the hopes, so often expressed, would be translated into action. The British Government would enter the Conference in no mean or giggling spirit, but sincerely anxious to contribute by suggestion and action to a real and progressive decrease in the vast burden of international armaments, which, to-day, clogs world progress.—British Wireless Service.

British Cabinet Busy.

Rugby, Yesterday.
With the approach of the Reparation and Disarmament Conferences and the reassembly of Parliament early next month, the Cabinet is faced with great pressure of business.

Important statements of policy on international and domestic issues will be made soon after the house meets, and Ministers have arranged whole-day cabinet meetings during the next few days. The Cabinet's programme of dealing with the disarmament question, said Mr. Eden, was British Wireless Service.

CROWN PRINCE OF ETHIOPIA.

Entertained to Foreign
Office Dinner.
DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, to-night gave a dinner at the Foreign Office in honour of the Crown Prince of Ethiopia. The Duke of Gloucester, the Prime Minister, Members of the Cabinet, other leading statesmen and the Archbishop of Canterbury were among the numerous distinguished guests.—British Wireless Service.

SWEDEN SWEEP BY STORMS.

House Blown
Away.

FORESTS DAMAGED.

(Reuter's Special Service.)
Stockholm, Yesterday.
Sweden is being ravaged by some of the worst storms on record.

A hurricane is raging in the northern part of the country and doing a deal of damage. It has already swept away a two-storied rest house, which was under

FALSE NEWS

HOW IT MAY BE PREVENTED.

A SUGGESTION
GOVERNMENT FACILITIES.

(Reuter's Special Service.)
Copenhagen, Yesterday.
The International Press Conference, which has been in session here for the past few days, concluded this morning. The principal resolution passed concerned the best way of coping with the circulation of false news. It was held that this could best be prevented by providing the widest possible facilities for the supply of information by Government offices, which should be so organised that journalists might, at any time, obtain confirmation or refutation of any particular question.

construction. Forests also have suffered untold damage. On the island of Gotland alone it is estimated six hundred thousand trees have been destroyed.

SCOUTING IN AUSTRALIA

WALOROI COLLEGE SCOUTMASTER'S VISIT HERE.

Gift to St. Andrew's Troop.

Mr. J. B. Maltman, scoutmaster of the Waloroi College Boy Scouts troop, Orange, New South Wales, Australia, paid a visit, last evening, to the 1st Kowloon (St. Andrew's) Group of Boy Scouts, at their headquarters — St. Andrew's Church Hall.

Mr. Maltman spoke interestingly of scouting in Australia, and as a memento of his visit presented St. Andrew's Troop with a replica of a boomerang.

On behalf of St. Andrew's Troop, Mr. R. Dormer (Scoutmaster) presented Mr. Maltman with a model of a junk in silver, mounted on blackwood, bearing the inscription "Presented by 1st Kowloon B.P. Boy Scout."

Mr. Maltman said he was the conveyor of fraternal greetings from all scouts in Australia, and remarked that he felt sure his troop at Waloroi College would greatly appreciate the gift of the Hong Kong Troop.

Mr. Maltman next addressed the boys, who were seated round in horseshoe formation. He first of all touched on the modern Aboriginal, and remarked that nearly all the blacks had been gathered in now, and were at present working at Mission hospitals, where they made useful articles out of trees, and polished the articles with ordinary mud. Sometimes they polished till the skin of their hands began to peel. The speaker passed round his walking stick, a proof of the work of skilled hands. These blacks cut trees down with stone tomahawks, which was rather wonderful. The stone blade of the tomahawk was shaped and sharpened with crude implements.

The Boomerang.
Speaking of the ancient Aboriginals, Mr. Maltman said that they used iron and steel spears at one time, but, finding iron and steel hard to come by, they turned attention to ordinary pieces of stick which they threw at their object. But they did not wish to lose these pieces of sticks so one of the blacks, invented the boomerang, which is a bent piece of wood, with a slight tilt at one end. With this they killed their food.

China Impressions.
Mr. Maltman, continuing, said that they in Australia, had vague ideas of China. He had been impressed by the wonderful scenery along the coast, and especially impressed by Hong Kong's old buildings. The climate here was that of the tropics, and he was very fortunate to live in such wonderful surroundings. He was

STOP PRESS

Washington, Yesterday.
The Attorney-General of the United States has ordered additional officials to be sent to Honolulu immediately for a sweeping Federal as well as territorial investigation of crime in the Islands, also to look into the affairs of the courts, police, jury system and revenue board. Reuter's American Service.

"WE INTEND TO GOVERN INDIA."

"AS LONG AS WE ARE RESPONSIBLE"

SIR SAMUEL HOARE'S DECLARATION

BRITAIN ACCEPTS CHALLENGE AND INTENDS TO WIN.

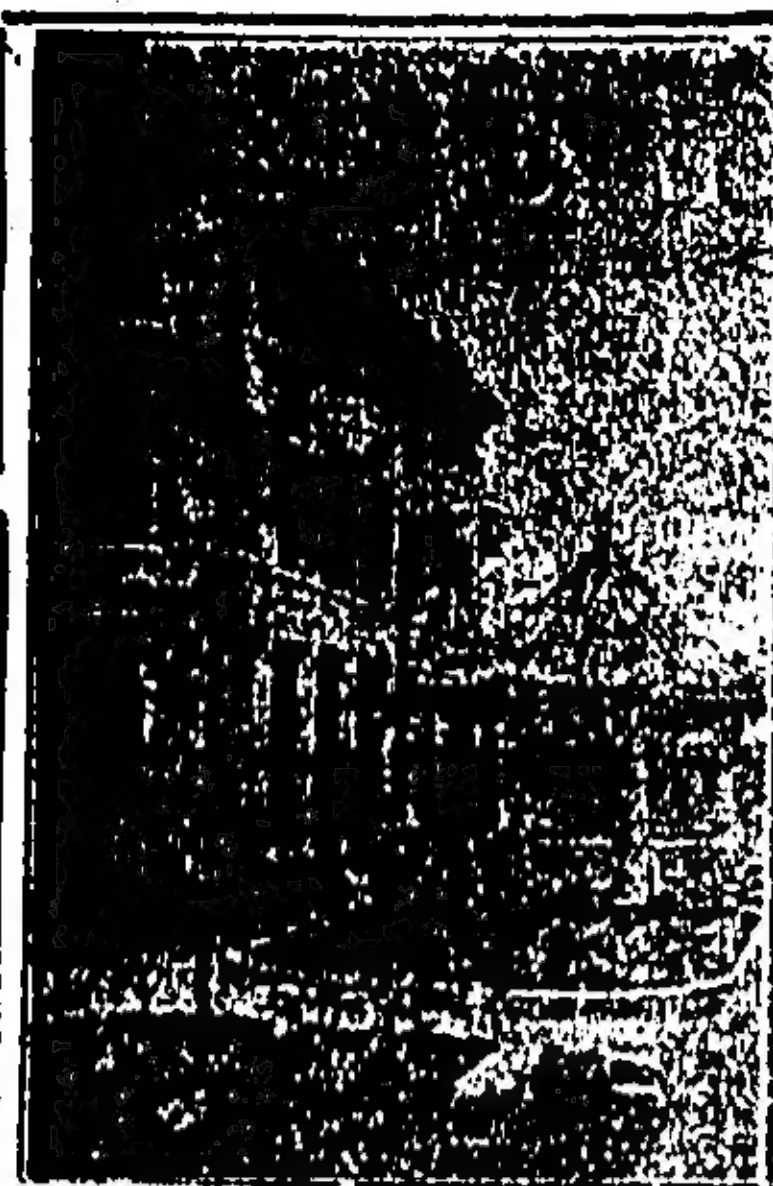
London, Yesterday.

"As long as we are responsible for India we intend to govern. For the moment a battle has been thrust upon us. If we fight, of course, we win, but I regard such methods as out of date," declared Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary of State for India, addressing a group of journalists at the India Office to-day.

Measures taken to deal with the situation in India had been successful, he said; and added that it was Government's wish to see internal peace in India, and Government would be delighted to renew goodwill and co-operation with all sections of Indian opinion.

The emergency measures, he declared, would not be continued a day longer than was necessary, but as long as threats and attempts to break up the Government continued, they would remain in operation. If the threats were removed, and sympathy and co-operation substituted, the British Government would not be slow to respond to the new spirit.—Reuter.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The Prime Minister, Mr. Baldwin, and many other Members of the Cabinet were among the large number of well-wishers present at Victoria to-day on the occasion of the departure of Members of the three Indian Committees proceeding to continue work in connection with the proposed new Indian Constitution. In the course of a Press interview to-day, Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary for India, said it might be thought incongruous that these Committees were being sent to begin a new chapter of co-operation at a time when severe administrative measures were being taken in India. But, without delay, and order there could be no constitutional advance. Faced with the situation that had arisen Government



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"OH SAILOR BEHAVE!"

Refreshing humour is to be seen in Warner Bros. Vitaphone production, "Oh Sailor Behave," now showing at Queen's Theatre. It is one long riot of fun, and, in spite of a somewhat disconnected plot, there is not a dull moment in it. Charles King, star of "Broadway Melody," takes the leading male part and plays opposite Irene Delroy. Ole Olsen and Chic Johnson, two of America's leading comedians, provide the bulk of the humour. Other well-known players included in the cast are Lowell Sherman, and Noah Beery. Olsen and Johnson, two American sailors, are ashore in Naples, for the purpose of finding a man with a wooden leg who has robbed the Navy Stores, but owing to the attentions of a pretty Italian girl, their mission is sadly neglected.

The other side of the story, deals with the exploits of Charlie Carroll (Charles King) and Nanette Dodge (Irene Delroy) who, while in Naples, fall in love and are separated and brought together again. Lowell Sherman, as the "villain of the piece," is highly amusing as Prince Kosoff. Many misunderstandings arise owing to a delayed telegram, which "has just arrived four or five days ago," but these are finally straightened out in the uproarious climax.

In addition to the main attraction there is a Hearst News-reel and a Lloyd Hamilton comedy, entitled "Grass Skirts."

"ROOKERY NOOK."

There were good houses at the Star Theatre yesterday to welcome the return of the British talkie comedy success, "Rookery Nook," featuring Ralph Lynn, Winifred Shotter and Tom Walls. The cast is a brilliant one, and, needless to say, the film is worth seeing. Acting honours go to Mr. Lynn, as Gerald Popkiss, and Tom Walls, as his cousin, Clive Popkiss, always cool no matter what the predicament.

From Official Sources.

"THE MAN THEY COULDN'T ARREST."

Kingsway was thrown into a turmoil of excitement recently when a fleet of Flying Squad cars drew up at a corner building and disgorged a large body of uniformed and plain clothes police, who proceeded to raid a block of offices.

A large crowd, obviously speculating as to the cause of the raid, foregathered, quite unaware that they were being "covered" by film cameras and microphones, for the whole affair had been staged for a scene in "The Man They Couldn't Arrest," the British thriller due for showing from Sunday at the Queen's Theatre. The police raid is but a single incident from a film which has sufficient thrills for half-a-dozen full-length features!

"ANNABELLE'S AFFAIRS."

Included in the household of Victor McLaglen, is an Arabian valet, a boy grown to manhood, whom the robust screen actor picked up on the desert near Bagdad during the war. McLaglen takes particular delight in talking to Abdullah in his native tongue, and has no fear of others understanding what is being said.

McLaglen portrays the role of John Rawson, the uncouth and bearded western miner in "Annabelle's Affairs" the Fox comedy, coming to the King's Theatre on Sunday. He is co-featured with the beautiful and fascinating Jeanette MacDonald. She enacts the role of the girl, who, by circumstance, is forced to marry him.

McLaglen treats his bride like a captive woman, but she finally escapes by stealing his horse and makes her way to an eastern city where she lives in luxury on the liberal allowance sent to her regularly by her cave man. He comes after her, and then the fun really begins.

"Annabelle's Affairs" was adapted from Clare Kummer's famous stage farce, "Good Gracious Annabelle," by Leon Gordon, who also wrote the dialogue. The transfer to the screen was made by Alfred Werker.

The cast supporting the leading players includes such favourites as Roland Young, Ruth Warren, Sam Hardy, William Collier, Sr., Joyce Compton, Sally Blane, George Andre, Beranger, Ernest Wood, Hank Mann, Jed Prouty, Wilbur Mack and Louise Beaver.

"TILLY OF BLOOMSBURY."

The reason for the postponed marriage of two prominent personalities in the film and stage worlds was recently made public during an interview with Mr. Richard Bird.

Richard Bird, who plays the part of "Richard Mainwaring" in Sterling Film Co., Ltd.'s talkie production "Tilly of Bloomsbury" was to marry Miss Joyce Barbour, the well-known West End actress.

The production schedule for "Tilly of Bloomsbury" was so arranged that it was impossible to take place at that original time, and consequently was postponed for three weeks.

Richard Bird, although a very young man, has already made five visits to America where he has played lead in a number of big stage successes. His most recent being the part of "Captain Stanhope" in "Journey's End."

Soon after the marriage ceremony which took place on a Saturday, Richard Bird went straight on to the studio where an important sequence in "Tilly" was shot, one which kept him busy until the early hours of the next morning.

All the original honeymoon arrangements have had to be cancelled, pending the completion of the production after which the bridal pair spent a well earned rest on the Riviera.

"Tilly of Bloomsbury" is now showing at the King's Theatre.

WHERE SPECIAL FLIES GO.

One answer to the question, Where Do Flies Go? is provided by the constant shipment of millions in packing from Canada to Australia. They are special flies which are sworn enemies of the white grub which is trying to ruin Australia's sugarcane harvest. They enter the service of the farmers, principally in the Queensland district.

Orchestral—
Queen of Sheba—Cortège (Gounod);
Sigurd Jorsalfar—
Triumphal March.
Victor Symphony Orchestra (58763).

Song—
Lina Miller—When the Night is Calm (Verdi)
Rigolotto—Each Thru That Falls (Verdi)
Tito Schipa, Tenor (7145).

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.
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TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres:

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7-10.30 p.m.—European Programme of Victor Records.
8 p.m.—Local Time.
7.03-8.10 p.m.—Variety.

Orchestral—
Olivier Jamas,
Galan de Noche,
Marimba Centro Americana (81870).

Vocal Duet—
Red Lips Kiss My Blues Away,
Side by Side,
Aileen Stanley and Johnny Marvin (20714).

Instrumental Duet—
Ca C'est Paris,
Barcelona—Fado Doble,
Gardoni and Fulg with
Accordion & Banjo (21033).

Song—
Sweethearts on Parade,
Where the Shy Little Violets Grow,
Johnny Marvin (21820).

Band—
Don't be Cross,
The Jolly Coppersmith,
Arthur Pryor's Band (20318).

Saxophone Solo—
I Want a Nice Little Fellow,
Kelly Harrell (20867).

Saxophone Solo—
Saxophone,
Marilyn... Rudy Wiedoeft (21152).

Song—
Hobo Bill's Last Ride,
That's Why I'm Blue,
Jimmie Rogers with Guitar (22421).

Guitar Duet—
Aloma March,
Drifting & Dreaming in Hawaii,
C. Kama and M. Salazar (V21).

8.10-8.30 p.m.—Orchestral.
High Water,
(J. K. Brennan & M. McCurdy),
Midnight Reflections,
(Malneck-Signorelli),
Paul Whiteman and His
Concert Orchestra (85992).

The Swing,
Hudson Waves (Flam Pignoloni),
Victoria Orchestra (35873).

8.30-8.48 p.m.—Vocal Gems.
Blossom Time,
The Yankee Princess,
The Victor Light Opera
Company (55722).

Rio Rita,
My Maryland,
The Victor Light Opera
Company (35816).

8.48-9.45 p.m.—A Concert.
Comin' Thru the Rye,
Marion Talley (Soprano) (1146).

Violin Solo—
To a Wild Rose (MacDowell),
Souvenir Poétique (Fibich),
Michel Guskoff (19892).

Song—
A Cuba (Schlipa),
Jota (de Fello),
Tito Schipa (Tenor) (1153).

Piano Solo—
Staccato Caprice (Vogrich),
Hungarian Rhapsody No. 4 (Liszt),
Yolanda Mero (1155).

Song—
From the Land of the Sky Blue
Water (Eberhart & Cadman),
Little Grey Home in the West
(Wilmot & Lohr),
Mary Lewis (Soprano) (1140).

Violin Solo—
Romance in F (Beethoven),
Jacques Thibaud (6606).

Song—
Mother My Dear
(Nolen & Trehanne),
A Brown Bird Singing
(Barrie & Haydn Woods),
John McCormack (Tenor) (1137).

Piano Solo—
In the Night (Schumann),
Etude in D Flat (Liszt),
Harold Bauer (6823).

9.45-10 p.m.—
Hungarian Fantasia (Liszt),
Played by Arthur de Greef
and the Royal Albert Hall
Orchestra Conducted by Sir
Landon Ronald (6110-1).

10-10.27 p.m.—Operatic.
Song—
Mignon—Poloise (Thomas),
Barbriere de Siviglia—A Little Voice
I Hear (Rossini),
Madam Amelita Galli Curci
(Soprano) (7110).

(Continued at foot of preceding column.)

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at King's Restaurant and Peninsula and Hong Kong Hotels.

To-morrow—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at King's Restaurant, and Repulse Bay and Peninsula Hotels.

January 21—Old Bedfordians' annual dinner, Hong Kong Club, 8 p.m.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre; "Tilly of Bloomsbury."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Oh Sailor Behave."

To-day—Central Theatre; "The Smiling Lieutenant."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Rookery Nook."

Home Malls.
To-day—Inward from Europe via Suez (Kashmir); from America (President Jefferson); from Europe via Siberia (Karmala); Outward for Europe via Siberia (Kashmir), 6 p.m.

To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Marseilles (Karmala), 10.30 a.m.

LAST OF DICKENS' SERVANTS.

Chats of Old Days With Famous Author.

The only servant now living who worked for Charles Dickens celebrated his golden wedding by reading to his wife from one of his old master's books.

He is a quaint old character who might have walked straight from the pages of one of Dickens' novels. In fact, Mr. George Chapman Woolley, cousin of Woolley, the Keen cricketer, and now head gardener for Sir Drummond Smith, believes that the novelist did characterise him and his mother in one of his books.

"I was seventeen when I went to Gad's Hill Place, in the village of Higham, Kent," Mr. Woolley said in an interview. "It was the house in which Dickens had lived for many years and where he died. 'I was chosen to do jobs that were not exactly gardening,' he went on. 'You see, there were always crowds of people waiting in the roadway to see the great writer. They could see him leave his front door from the roadway and would wait for him to come into the road. But he never came out—instead he went to earth. They would stand there waiting, and all the time the novelist was hard at work on the other side of the road, writing his latest book.'"

"It was this way. Some great man who liked Dickens built him a beautiful little chalet across the roadway, opposite his home. Dickens had a tunnel made leading from the lawn of his garden, under the roadway, and up to the secret chamber, where he worked undisturbed. Well, it was my job to go to the house every morning at nine o'clock, take the key and unlock the chalet and get it ready for Dickens."

"Of course, I had to keep the walls of the tunnel very clean, for approximately one-fifth of the total Dickens used to wear very fine clothes. His favourite suit was a marine—Trans-ocean Kuomin."

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GERMAN SHIPPING LAID UP.

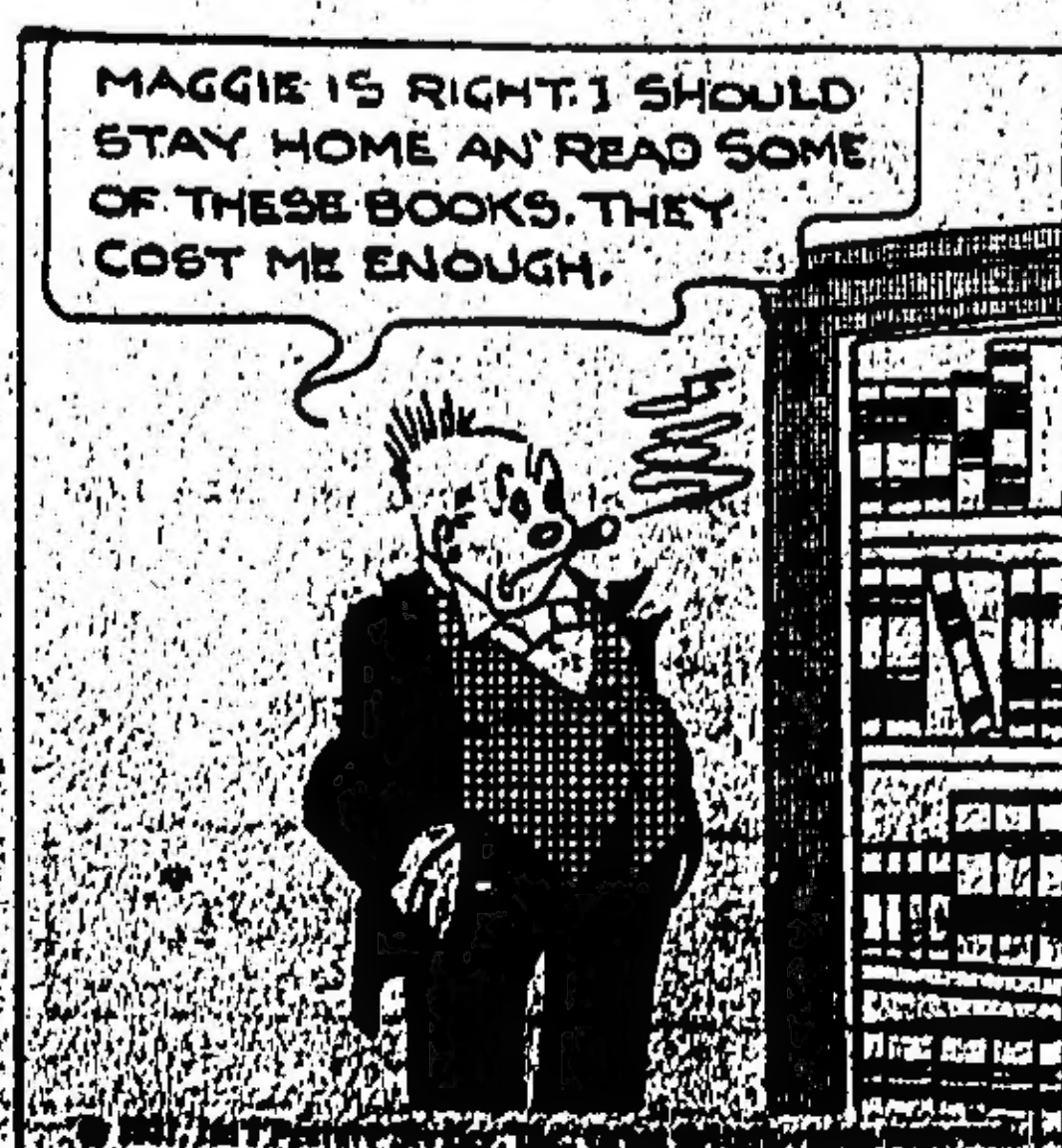
Hamburg, Dec. 29.
219 vessels, with a total tonnage of 764,880, have been laid up in German ports during the last three months as a direct result of the international depression and the consequent decline in passenger and freight traffic. The ships withdrawn from service represent approximately one-fifth of the total tonnage of the German merchant fleet.

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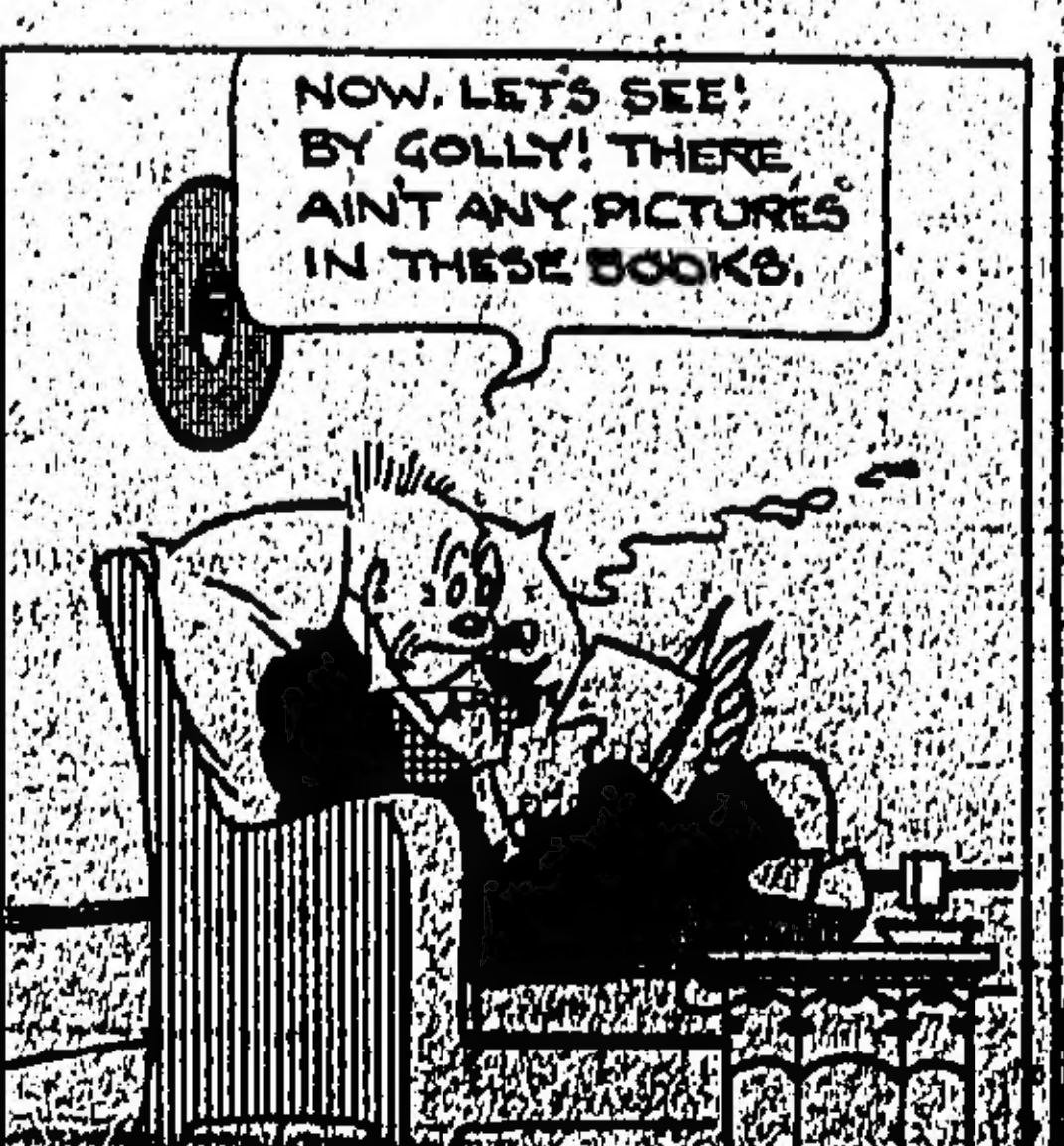
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Mamak Hockey Dispute Settled.

INELIGIBLE PLAYER.

The recent dispute in the Mamak Hockey Shield Tournament was settled at a Committee meeting held in the C.B.A. Club-house, at King's Park, last night, under the chairmanship of Mr. O. England White. The dispute arose on account of the C.B.A. playing an ineligible player in their match with the R.A.S.C. on January 3 last. The R.A.S.C. captain (Mr. E. V. Marshall) filed a protest and the matter was discussed last night.

It was stated that the player in question had played for the St. Andrew's Club in the first two matches of the tournament, and then the C.B.A. and had thus contravened rule 7 which states:—"A list of players forming a team to be sent in to the Secretary. Players can only play for the one team represented. A breach of this rule would mean disqualification of the team for which he plays."

After much discussion on the ambiguity of the rule, it was decided, on the proposition of Mr. H. R. Hurst, seconded by Mr. F. W. R. Allen, that the C.B.A. forfeit 2 points to the R.A.S.C.

Mr. Marshall remarked that he had written the protest not for the purpose of securing two points, but as a matter of principle.

It was decided that the goals scored in the match be nullified, and this was agreed upon, it being stated that the goal average made no difference in regard to the position of the competing teams in the tournament.

MAMAK HOCKEY PROGRESS.

Incognitos' Now on Top with Radio.

SIGNALS DEFEATED.

On the U.S.R.C. ground yesterday afternoon, the Incognitos defeated the Royal Corps of Signals, by four goals to one in a Mamak Hockey Tournament match.

The game was played at a fast pace throughout, and at half time the Incognitos were leading by two goals to one.

In the second half, they scored two more goals. C. Barros scored all the winners' goals, whilst Williams netted for the signalmen. For the Incognitos, W. Reed played a brilliant game in defence.

Tournament Table to date.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Radio	5	3	0	2	7	2	8
Incognitos	6	3	1	2	17	5	8
C.B.A.	4	3	1	0	14	0	6
St. Andrew's	4	2	1	1	3	5	5
R.C.S.	4	2	2	0	7	4	4
Police	4	1	2	1	2	4	3
R.A.S.C.	3	1	7	0	3	26	2

*Two points forfeited to R.A.S.C.

ST. ANDREW'S TO PLAY THE POLICE.

To-day's Team.

The following have been selected to represent the St. Andrew's Club against the Police this afternoon on the Police Training School ground, Mongkok, in the Mamak Hockey Competition. Bully off at 5.10 p.m.:

R. H. Wong, E. H. P. White, F. V. Wong, H. R. Landolt, A. B. Hamson, R. H. A. Woolley, F. A. Broadbridge, E. C. Fincher, N. A. E. Mackay, A. S. Bliss and E. F. Fincher.

BOXING POSTPONED.

The Army Boxing Championships have been unavoidably postponed until the end of March.

FULHAM LOSE TO WATFORD.

Northampton Too Good for Darlington.

CREWE DEFEAT HULL.

London, Yesterday.

The following were the results of replays in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup played yesterday:

Northampton 2 Darlington 0
Fulham 0 Watford 3

Northampton now journey to Bradford for the fourth round tie whilst Watford are at home to Bristol City.

Third Division (North).
Hull City 2 Crewe A. 4

Our Sports Diary.

HOCKEY—To-day—Radio Sports v. J. R. Regiment; Police v. St. Andrew's.

FOOTBALL—To-morrow—1st Division—Borderers v. St. Joseph's; Police v. Argyle; Kowloon v. Royal Navy; Club v. Revere; Second Division—Kowloon v. University; Borderers v. Argyle; Club v. Navy; Twelfth Battery v. R.A.O.C.; Chinese League—South China "A" v. Chinese Athletic "A"; Sung Ching v. Eastern; South China "B" v. Chinese Athletic "B".

GOLF—To-day—Final of Railway Cup (Ladies).

ATHLETICS—To-morrow—Entries close for Volunteers Sports Meeting.

CRICKET—To-morrow—First Division—Indian R.C. v. Navy (L); University v. Kowloon C.C. (L); Crugengower C.C. v. Hong Kong C.C. (L); Royal Artillery v. Police R.C. (F); Second Division—Kowloon C.C. v. University (L); Hong Kong C.C. v. Crugengower C.C. (L).

HUNTING—Sunday—Fanning Hunt Hounds Meet at Mrs. R. J. Patterson's Bungalow at 10.30 a.m.

KEUNG WAH CLUB TO PLAY HERE.

Charity Football on Sunday.

Two charity football matches are to be played on the H.K.F.C. ground, Happy Valley, on Sunday between sides representing the Combined Navy and the Keung Wah Club of Canton.

The 2nd XI game will start at 2.30 p.m. and the 1st XI match at 4.15 p.m. The proceeds will be given to the Tung Kung Sheung Wui Free Schools for the poor.

The Committee of the Tung Kung Sheung Wui desire to thank the Government for exempting the Amusement Tax, the Royal Navy for putting in two teams, the H.K. Football Association for granting permission for the games, and the H.K.F.C. Club for use of the ground.

THE LAST INTERPORT SOCCER TRIAL.

To Be Staged in Kowloon on Wednesday.

The following have been selected to play in an Interport Football Trial match on the Kowloon F.C. ground on Wednesday, January 20, at 4 p.m.:

Rodger, Martin, Strange, Hay, McKelvie (captain), Bliss, B. Gosand, McTavish, Leonard, Shepherd and Hughes.

Reserves: Malsine (S.W.B.), Skinner (Club), Pile (Police) and Davies (S.W.B.).

This being the last Trial match, the players chosen and all reserves are expected to turn up. White shirts will be provided.

HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB TEAM.

To-morrow's Game at the Valley.

The following team have been chosen to represent the Hong Kong Football Club against the Club de Recreation to-morrow on the Club ground at 4 p.m.:

Rodger, Macfarlane, Strange, Ralston, Skinner, Baldwin, Alexander, R. Gosand, Pile, Ball, and Strange.

RUGBY FOOTBALL INTERPORT TRIAL.

Weak Club Forwards May Crack Up.

STRONG SERVICES SIDE.

To-morrow the Hong Kong Football Club are trying out their Interport XV against an opposition composed of the Services. The match is to be played on the Army ground at Sookunpo.

The following will be the teams: United Services:—

Lieut. Gosling (Navy); Lieut. David (Navy); Stoker Packer (Navy); Lieut. Stevenson (Army); Lieut. Keith-Murray (Army); Lieut. Ryder (Navy); Lieut. Charsley (Navy); Lieut. Com. Crick (Navy); Surg. Lieut. Brogan (Navy); Lieut. Stevens (Army); Lieut. Prior (Army); E. R. A. Doggett (Navy); Lieut. Pizey (Navy); Lieut. Watson (Navy); Lieut. Hubbard (Navy).

Club Interport XV:—

J. P. Whitman; G. P. Lammert; R. H. Griffiths; A. F. Jenkins; C. J. D. Law; M. W. Turner; J. A. R. Selby; G. C. Moutrie; W. E. Peers; G. C. Humphreys; R. I. Cherrill; F. M. Hartley; L. B. Smith; D. McLellan and L. G. Robertson.

Kick-off 4 p.m.

CIVIL SERVICE C.C. TO PLAY A FRIENDLY.

Team for To-morrow Against R.A.

The following will represent the Civil Service Cricket Club in their friendly match against the Royal Artillery at Happy Valley to-morrow:—

B. D. Evans (captain), J. E. Richardson, G. R. Sayer, E. B. Reed, F. J. Ling, J. Barrow, F. Baker, E. W. Hamilton, R. A. J. Simpson, J. M. Wilson and J. F. McGowan.

RECREIO CRICKET ELEVEN.

Against the R.A.S.C. To-morrow.

The following will represent the Club de Recreio against the R.A.S.C. on the Recreio ground at 2 p.m. to-morrow:—

H. A. Alves, H. M. Xavier, Dr. A. P. Guterres, A. Prata, A. P. Pereira, G. A. Guterres, L. J. Guterres, L. J. Silva, H. A. Barros, J. H. Figueiredo and F. H. Carvalho.

INAUGURAL HIKE 'ON SUNDAY.

Two and Half Hours on Middle Levels.

A small inaugural Hike will take place on the Middle Levels on Sunday, January 17, 1932. The Hike will take something under 2½ hours to complete, and all members or non-members of the Hong Kong Hiking Club are cordially invited to join in this meet.

The meeting place will be at the Kennedy Road Station, (Peak Tram) at 2.30 p.m.

The Route taken will be Bowen Road to Stubbs Road, and Sir Cecil's Ride to North Point.

Of the players of many games there are many who are good, but few who may be called great. They only are great who do greatly in the hour of severest trial. Hobbs and Macartney, Bradman and Sutcliffe, with all the varying conditions of cricket in Australia and Britain, are examples of men who rise above the ordinary level of high skill. The really great are rare. J. A. H. Cotton.

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A WHOLE WEEK'S NEWSPAPERS IN ONE.

A disastrous fire, the first tragedy of the year in that category, broke out in a cotton quilt shop in Shanghai Street, Kowloon on the night of January 9, claiming four victims, a woman and her three children. Beginning on the ground floor of the building, the conflagration rapidly spread to the upper floors, completely destroying wooden staircases, thus cutting off the occupants' only means of escape. After the fire had been extinguished three Chinese firemen were placed under arrest for alleged looting. A full story of the tragedy is chronicled in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

A Coroner's enquiry into the death of Revenue Officer Nicholas James Young, who was found lying dead on the hillside near the Lai Chi Kok Jail on November 4, 1931, was conducted by Mr. J. A. Fraser in the Kowloon Magistracy on January 11. The widow, Mrs. Young, in a dramatic testimony, denied that matrimonial troubles were entirely responsible for the tragedy, and referred, in an outburst, to the Revenue Department. A few days before his death, deceased had not been living with her at their flat. She had no reason to think that he would commit suicide; in fact he used to scorn it. The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL furnishes a detailed report.

With the prevailing interest that is being taken in the development of the agricultural resources of the Colony keen interest and support was accorded to the fifth annual Show arranged by the New Territories' Agricultural Association at Shek Wu Hui, Sheung Shui, on January 9. His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel, opened the Show and in his speech, referred to the steady development of agriculture. A full report is given in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

A large and distinguished assembly gathered in the Great Hall of the Hong Kong University on January 11, for the 23rd Congregation of degrees. A procession of prominent officials and citizens, headed by the Chancellor, Sir William Peel, and the Vice-Chancellor, Sir William Hornell, heralded the opening of the Congregation, after which the Vice-Chancellor delivered a stirring address. A full account is published in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

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SCOTTISH CUP - TIES

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

First Division.

Arsenal	v.	Birmingham
Aston Villa	v.	Liverpool
Blackburn R.	v.	Portsmouth
Blackpool	v.	West Brom.
Bolton W.	v.	Wednesday
Everton	v.	Sunderland
Huddersfield	v.	Chelsea
M'chester C.	v.	Leicester C.
Middlesbro'	v.	West Ham
Newcastle U.	v.	Grimsby T.
Sheffield U.	v.	Derby C.

Second Division.

Barnsley	v.	Leeds U.
Bradford	v.	Tottenham
Bristol C.	v.	Port Vale
Charlton A.	v.	Sheff. Wed.
Notts C.	v.	Bradford C.
Oldham A.	v.	Bury
Plymouth A.	v.	Millwall
Southampton	v.	Preston N.E.
Stoke C.	v.	Burnley
Swansea	v.	Manchester U.
Wolves	v.	Notts Forest

Third Division (South).

Bournemouth	v.	Queen's P.R.
Brentford	v.	Exeter C.
Brighton	v.	Swindon T.
Crystal Pal.	v.	Bristol R.
Fulham	v.	Gillingham
Mansfield T.	v.	Clapton O.
Northampton	v.	Norwich C.
Reading	v.	Cardiff C.
Southend U.	v.	Luton T.
Thames	v.	Coventry C.
Watford	v.	Torquay U.

ENGLISH LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE.

First Division.										
HOME.					AWAY.					
P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	Total
Everton	10	9	1	0	51	15	18	13	6	31
West Bromwich	12	7	2	3	25	7	17	12	29	29
Liverpool	13	9	1	3	41	23	21	10	3	28
Sheffield U.	12	8	3	1	33	19	17	12	6	28
Newcastle U.	11	9	1	1	31	19	12	4	7	28
Aston Villa	11	9	2	0	40	17	18	12	3	26
Arsenal	10	4	2	4	21	11	12	13	6	26
Huddersfield T.	12	6	1	5	28	10	17	11	4	26
Wednesday	12	8	1	3	36	13	19	11	3	26
Birmingham	12	8	1	3	29	11	19	11	3	26
Bolton W.	12	10	2	0	27	12	20	13	3	25
Portsmouth	12	7	4	1	35	15	15	10	2	22
Middlesborough	11	6	3	2	25	18	14	12	2	21
West Ham U.	12	6	4	2	23	21	14	11	3	21
Chelsea	11	7	4	0	25	18	14	13	9	21
Manchester C.	11	4	3	4	23	19	12	13	6	21
Blackburn R.	12	6	4	2	33	24	14	12	2	20
Derby C.	12	8	2	2	32	14	18	12	0	20
Leicester City	12	6	5	1	30	28	13	10	2	18
Sunderland	12	4	5	3	21	23	11	12	1	18
Blackpool	12	5	5	2	23	25	12	11	1	18
Grimsby T.	12	5	6	1	18	18	11	11	1	16

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Second Division.										
HOME.					AWAY.					
P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	Total
Leeds United	11	7	2	2	23	11	16	12	8	34
Wolverhampton	12	10	1	1	43	7	21	11	4	33
Bradford	11	11	1	1	39	8	23	11	2	30
Stoke City	11	8	0	3	23	9	19	12	4	30
Bury	12	8	2	2	33	15	18	11	5	28
Plymouth A.	11	6	2	3	32	31	15	12	3	28
Notts County	10	6	2	2	25	11	14	13	6	24
Southampton	11	6	4	1	18	18	13	12	6	24
Millwall	12	7	3	2	31	15	16	11	3	24
Tottenham H.	13	6	4	3	40	28	15	10	2	22
Notts Forest	13	8	3	4	25	18	16	10	2	22
Bradford C.	10	5	3	3	33	17	13	12	6	22
Burnley	11	5	3	2	20	22	11	11	3	20
Port Vale	12	5	5	2	17	21	12	11	3	20
Oldham A.	11	5	4	2	22	21	12	12	6	20
Chesterfield	12	6	5	1	26	22	13	11	2	20
Swansea T.	10	6	4	0	24	13	12	13	9	19
Barnsley	11	5	3	3	18	13	13	11	3	19
Manchester U.	13	5	3	3	23	24	13	10	2	18
Preston N.E.	11	5	3	2	16	15	15	10	9	18
Charlton A.	11	5	2	1	16	15	15	12	2	18
Bristol C.	12	2	6	4	13	19	8	11	8	12

Third Division (South).										
HOME.					AWAY.					
P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	Total
Brentford	10	7	1	2	19	6	16	12	7	32
Fulham	10	7	2	1	34	17	15	12	5	29
Exeter C.	12	9	1	2	33	11	20	11	4	29
Crystal Palace	12	8	0	4	29	9	20	11	3	28
Norwich C.	13	7	2	4	27	11	18	9	3	28
Southend U.	10	5	2	3	18	8	13	15	5	23
Coventry C.	12	9	1	2	40	16	20	11	6	26
Reading	11	9	1	1	32	14	19	13	1	26
Brighton	11	7	3	1	25	14	15	11	3	25
Watford	11	9	1	1	30	14	19	11	2	25
Queen's Park R.	11	5	3	3	25	15	13	12	4	24
Luton T.	11	5	3	2	24	9	16	12	3	24
Bournemouth	11	5	4	2	21	18	12	12	4	22
Bristol R.	12	6	2	4	31	17	16	11	3	22
Cardiff C.	11	7	3	1	32	18	15	11	7	20
Swindon Town	13	6	2	2	29	24	14	9	1	19
Mansfield T.	11	6	1	4	30	20	16	10	3	19
Torquay U.	12	4	4	4	25	24	12	11	2	18
Clapton O.	13	3	5	5	22	24	11	8	2	16
Gillingham	11	5	3	3	16	14	13	11	1	16
Northampton T.	10	4	4	2	14	12	10	13	1	14
Thames	11	2	5	4	13	15	8	12	9	13

Third Division (North).										
HOME.					AWAY.					
P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	Total
Lincoln City	11	10	1	0	37	4	20	12	7	35
Gateshead	11	9	1	1	37	7	19	12	6	33
Greaves A.	12	9	1	2	43	18	20	12	5	33
York City	12	8	2	2	25	15	18	11	3	32
Southport	11	9	0	2	26	9	20	11	2	31
Accrington S.	12	11	0	2	42	12	24	9	1	31
Darlington	10	7	2	1	20	11	15	12	4	26
Tranmere R.	12	8	1	3	48	16	19	11	3	26
Chester	11	7	2	2	25	15	18	11	2	26
Wrexham	12	6	4	2	23	16	14	11	3	24
Hull City	9	5	4	0	19	12	19	18	5	23
Barrow	9	6	2	1	29	13	13	12	5	23
Stockport C.	12	6	3	3	15	7	15	11	1	22
Walsall	12	7	3	2	22	14	16	11	2	20
Hartlepool	12	5	3	4	24	23	14	12	3	21
Carlisle U.	12	5	2	3	14	10	13	11	2	19
Doncaster	11	5	2	5	23	15	15	11	0	18
Rotherham	13	4	6	3	22	18	11	8	1	17
Rochdale	10	4	4	2	20	25	10	11	0	16
New Brighton	10	2	6	2	6	12	6	13	0	9

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

First Division. HOME.

AWAY.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.	Total
Motherwell	14	13	0	1	57	9	27	13	7	2	4	30	17	18	45
Rangers	13	10	1	2	40	7	22	12	8	2	25	16	18	40	
Celtic	14	10	2	2	51	11	22	12	4	3	5	21	17	13	35
Third Lanark	13	10	2	1	42	20	21	14	6	5	2	37	39	14	35
St. Mirren	15	10	3	2	35	15	22	12	5	6	1	19	22	11	33
Kilmarnock	12	10	1	1	38	12	21	15	3	7	1	16	25	11	33
Aberdeen	14	8	1	5	26	11	21	14	4	8	2	15	22	10	31
Hearts	14	8	3	3	26	12	19	14	5	9	18	17	29	10	29
Partick T.	12	7	3	2	25	45	16	14	6	7	1	17	23	13	29
Cowdenbeath	14	7	3	4	25	19	18	14	3	8	3	18	38	9	27
Clyde	13	6	3	4	24	19	16	14	2	8	4	15	30	8	24
Queen's P.R.	14	6	6	2	29	29	14	12	4	6	2	18	25	10	24
Dundee	15	6	3	6	29	23	18	13	3	2	16	40	6	2	24
Hamilton A.	13	6	5	2	35	26	14	14	3	3	3	17	25	9	21
Morton	13	6	4	3	36	19	15	14	1	10	3	14	36	5	20
Airdrieonians	14	8	4	2	35	23	18	13	1	11	1	16	42	3	21
Falkirk	13	6	4	3	33	23	15	13	1	12	2	14	36	4	19
Ayr United	15	6	8	1	28	27	13	13	1	8	4	18	42	6	19
Dundee U.	13	4	4	5	14	20	13	15	1	12	2	15	56	3	17
Leith Athletic	13	6	7	0	20	27	12	14	0	11	3	14	58	3	15

GOLF.

Starting Times for Sunday.

The Secretary of the Royal
Hong Kong Golf Club supplies the
following list of starting times
for Fanning on Sunday:—

New Course.

9.28 a.m.	G. T. May, W. D. Harris.
9.38	" Mrs. Perrin, Miss Munro.
9.44	J. P. Sherry, Mrs. Sherry.
9.52	Q. A. A. MacFadyen, G. Thomerson.

Old Course.

9.08 a.m.	H. W. Duley, R. H. Dowler.
9.12	S. C. Feltham, J. B. Lanyon.
9.12-9.20	a.m.—Not to be booked by those travelling by 8.28 a.m. train.
9.24 a.m.	E. dos Voeux*, A. O. Erawn*.
9.28	W. H. Daukes*, R. R. Davies*.
9.32	E. O. Priestley, I. H. Geare.
9.36	W. C. Shields, W. Mulcahy.
9.40	R. L. Davidson, G. W. Garrett.

9.44	H. H. Pethick, D. J. Fraser.
9.48	E. Stone, C. Mycock.
9.52	A. M. Parker, J. Coulthart.
9.56	D. S. Edward, C. H. Burton.
10.00	R. M. Jack, A. G. Young.
10.04	R. H. Hepburn, G. W. F. Booker.

10.08	S. T. Butlin, N. K. Littlejohn.
10.12	K. MacKenzie, J. J. French.
10.16	D. K. Hislop, N. J. Perrin.
10.20	B. J. Lacon, E. Kern.
10.24	W. R. Vallance, L. R. Andrews.

10.28	J. MacKnight, E. D. Matthews.
10.32	C. Thwaites, E. Lewis.
10.36	S. S. Perry, A. G. Coppin.
10.40	T. Low, J. Harrop.
10.44	A. Kidd, H. M. Muir.
10.48	R. S. Divett, E. J. Dowley.

10.52	G. W. Tolmie, K. W. Jones.
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10.56 " G. V. T. Marshall, R. W. Taplin.

11.00 " A. Sommerfelt, A. D. Humphreys.

11.04 " D. L. Prophet, J. Forbes.

11.08 " W. N. Williamson, P. S. Grant.

11.12 " E. P. White, W. W. MacKenzie.

11.15 " G. F. Hole, A. C. I. Bowker.

* Will get their Caddies from the Superintendent.

One of the important reasons for Britain's boxing decline is bad refereeing. During the past five years the handling of big fights has been amazingly incompetent, and week after week we see or hear of cases where a verdict has been received with unanimous disapproval. Such a state of affairs was almost unknown in the golden age of fistifics, and when it occurred it became an historic event.—Jack Goodwin.

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of an attack by Chinese regulars, have not been able to wage a very intensive campaign.

Foreign military attaches have been astounded by the strenuous use made of the 16,000 or less Japanese troops in Manchuria since September. They declare that the most seasoned troops in the world cannot stand up long under the strain to which these troops have been

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Mrs. J. J. V. dos Remedios and family thank their relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy in their recent bereavement.

The China Mail.

Hong Kong, Friday, Jan. 15, 1932.

False News.

Of interest to the average reader of newspapers as well as to Governments, is the principal resolution passed at the concluding session of the International Press Conference in Copenhagen. This resolution related to the best way of coping with the circulation of false news—a matter for continual anxiety on the part of Editors and publishers no less than to others who may be involved. It was held by the conference that the circulation of false news could best be prevented by providing the widest possible facilities for the supply of information by Government offices, which should be so organized that journalists might, at any time, obtain confirmation or refutation of any particular question.

The first essential of any newspaper—as the name newspaper automatically implies—is the getting and publishing of news. In the rush of bringing out a daily newspaper, it is obvious that time does not always permit of the very desirable confirmation being obtained in official quarters. It would be an erroneous conception of journalism to assert that, in the absence of confirmation, or even of refutation, publication of any particular news item should be deferred. These are very competitive times in daily journalism, and any single newspaper which strained the proprieties too strictly would find not only that a reportorial staff working under a rule and thumb system had recourse to a diet of fasting in respect of news gathering, but that a competitor, broader-minded, may be would publish the gist of an important news story and reap the natural benefit of increased circulation. That story may be subsequently proven to be utterly without foundation. In either case the good—to an individual newspaper—or the harm—to Governmental circles—has been done.

Here is where the suggestion of the International Press Conference comes in. It should be made possible in all Government offices, within all reasonable hours, for a journalist to obtain speedy confirmation or refutation of any particular question. It is the experience of most Pressmen that, in some Government offices in all countries and colonies, there is a marked aversion to confirming or refuting a vital news item, even where it must be obvious to the meanest intelligence that such a procedure is essential in the public interest. The journalist who takes a pride in his profession will make accuracy his first bulwark. He is ever ready to co-operate to the best of his ability with Government offices; but, at the same time, he resents being quite needlessly handicapped in his duty to his newspaper through sheer official red-tape and a studied aversion to supplying confirmation or refutation.

Not very long ago, we took an opportunity to comment on the effectiveness of the existing Departmental Press table system in this Colony, and revived the subject of an official Press Bureau easily accessible to journalists at all reasonable hours. In these days of strict Governmental economy it may seem superfluous to suggest the creation of any new Department involving the employment of fresh officials. Still, much money and valuable time might be saved to the Government in the long run were an experienced journalist to be placed in charge of the official Press Bureau, his duties to include supervision of Government advertising and printing and cognate matters. In some other places there are distinct Press Bureaux, State Advertising Agencies, and State Printing Departments. In a comparative small Colony like Hong Kong the duties of all these three departments could well be assigned to one experienced journalist with a practical knowledge of advertising and printing. The

Government would thus be enabled to come within the recommendations of the International Press Conference. It would also be entitled to the utmost credit for giving a lead in placing at the disposal of the Press here every possible facility for the publication of Government information and for the confirmation or refutation of news items placed before it by journalists generally.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"BUYING BRITISH."

[To the Editor of "China Mail"]

Sir,—In view of the All-British claims made in certain local advertisements the following article from The Sphere will undoubtedly be of interest to your many readers.

Following my recent reference in The Sphere to this national movement, and the difficulty of easily recognising foreign goods, I have received a letter from a barrister of standing, Mr. Jacques Abady, in which he says:—

"You referred in your paragraph, 'Buy British,' to a very real difficulty. It is a matter to which I have given much thought, because from my experience (as counsel) in promoting applications for marking orders under the Act of 1925, it is apparent that the scope of such orders is very limited indeed. I have tried to penetrate the official hide without success, and as you are the first writer who has put his finger on the real difficulty, I venture to intrude upon you."

Encouraged by these words, I wrote to Mr. Abady and asked him to give me the gist of the difficulties and how they could be remedied in a few of his own words. The subject to-day is one of burning importance. He has responded to my request as follows:—

"The public are urged, by the slogan 'Buy British,' to remedy our adverse trade balance. They do not know, however (and tariffs won't affect this), whether goods advertised or offered are foreign or made of foreign materials which we could produce. True that certain 'marking orders' under the Merchandise Marks Acts compel some foreign goods to be so marked, but these don't apply to all goods, nor, except to a limited extent, to advertisements."

"For instance, foreign furniture must be marked. Yet a bedroom suite, made perhaps in Belgium, can be advertised as a 'beautiful bedroom suite' without mention that it is foreign. Or, three costumes are advertised and illustrated: one made in England of Yorkshire cloth, one in England of German cloth, and one in France of French cloth. The advertisement need not and does not always say which is British, partly British, or wholly foreign."

"If a person's desire for a particular thing is aroused, it is difficult to assume that patriotism will at the moment of purchase, kill that desire. Moreover, if the advertised goods are ordered by post, the purchaser has no legal right to return them on discovering (if they are goods subject to a 'marking order' that they are foreign."

"Though there are some obvious 'snags' there is no difficulty in framing a short Act compelling notice of foreign origin to be given prominently when foreign goods or goods made of foreign materials are sold, offered, or advertised. This would remedy the situation I have tried in a few words to draw attention to."

News in Brief.

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MY LORD THE BABOON

Link in Family Evolution.

MIRROR OF MAN'S EARLY LIFE.

By E. G. Boulenger.

*I quarrel with my wife at home,
We never fight abroad;
And Mrs. Blank has grasped the fact
I am her only lord.*

The lines from Kipling's Departmental Ditty, though not penned by a professed naturalist, states a fundamental truth exhaustively elaborated in a remarkable book, "The Social Life of Apes and Monkeys" (Kegan Paul, 15s.), by Dr. S. Zuckerman, the Zoological Society's Anatomical Research Fellow.

The volume discusses apes and monkey sociology in general, and that of the Zoo Monkey Hill in particular.

During the six years of its being Monkey Hill has been the subject of many wild and absurd stories, so that the clear white light of truth which Dr. Zuckerman's tireless research throws upon it is particularly welcome.

From the outset the truism contained in Kipling's lines has been very apparent, and has caused much of the noisy strife which brought the hill into notoriety and disrepute. Dominant male supremacy is the keynote of baboon sociology. When the hill was first erected in 1925, ninety-four males and six females were installed. At once certain lusty males appropriated to themselves wives.

When, in 1927, thirty adult females were added, there began that series of matrimonial disputes which finally led to the withdrawal of all the females.

The Woman Pays. A baboon colony may total several hundred individuals, divided into small family groups of several females, a few young bachelors, and a very mature overlord. So long as the overlord's sway is undisputed all goes well, but this seldom obtains for long.

Envious eyes are cast upon his harem, and although feminine fidelity is rare—except on the rare occasions when my lord's back is

turned—strife is inevitable and the issue frequently fatal. Always "the woman pays."

The female baboon is a mere cipher, invariably succumbing in the frequent melees, since a dispute between two factions at once sets the whole community ablaze. A vanquished overlord may obtain other wives, but more usually joins, perforce, the great company of the unwedded.

As Dr. Zuckerman points out, one may see in the life of the baboon a crude picture of a social level from which emerged our earliest human ancestors. The most bigoted anti-evolutionists could not deny this, baboon family life having its counterpart amongst certain African tribes.

The baboon social system is not unlike that to be seen amongst various Oriental peoples where polygamy is the rule.

Seven Wives.

That the baboon has a large reserve of cunning behind his deep-set eyes is frequently demonstrated at the Zoo, both males and females having been seen to entice hated rivals by overtures of friendship within reach of their teeth.

The family group is ruled with an iron hand, and the several wives—sometimes as many as seven, are never allowed out of sight of their husband. Eventually, a bachelor "hangs-on," greatly daring compels him to fight to retain his title.

The author himself recently journeyed to South Africa to investigate baboon life in the wild. If not actually on the increase, he found that these monkeys are certainly not getting scarcer, and annually do a vast amount of damage to agriculture. This is partly due to the fact that the wide introduction of cattle has led to the wholesale destruction of the baboon's principal foe, the leopard.

This is a notable book, the result of long observation and sound reasoning. It is lavishly illustrated by photographs and contains an exhaustive bibliography.

Personal Par.

The forthcoming wedding in announced of Mr. Hans Kappelhoff, No. 4, Hong Kong Road, Shanghai, to Miss Annie Soyka, No. 7, Edinburgh Road, Shanghai.

LINK WITH JOHN RUSKIN.

Long-Lost Tablet As Flagstone.

A tablet which for many years was thought to be lost has been found among the flagstones in a newly-laid footpath at Carshalton.

People using the pavement at first thought when they saw lettering on one of the flags that the local council had used in error an old gravestone. A close examination by the council's surveyor revealed, however, that the stone bore the following inscription:

"In Obedience to the Giver of Life, of the Brooks and Fruits that Feed it, of the Peace that Ends it, May This Well be Kept Sacred for the Service of Men's Fleets and Flowers and Be By Kindness Called Margaret's Well. This Pool was Beautified and Endowed by John Ruskin, M.A., LL.D."

It has now been ascertained that the stone was originally erected near Margaret's Pool, Carshalton, which Ruskin at his own expense cleaned out and named Margaret after his mother, who lived close by at Shirley.

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN.
Hong Kong, January 14, 1932.

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LAI TO REST.

Vasco Luiz dos Remedios.

The funeral of Vasco Luiz dos Remedios took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, last evening, when a large number of relatives and friends attended to pay their last respects. The Very Rev. Fr. G. M. Spada, Rector of the Rosary Church, Kowloon, officiated at the graveside, assisted by the Rev. Fr. Granelli. Deceased's two sons, Messrs. Reinaldo and Augusto Remedios, were the chief mourners. As a mark of respect to the deceased, the house flag of the Union Insurance Society of Canton was flown at half mast yesterday.

The large number of floral tributes included those from his sorrowing wife, sons and daughters, other relatives, many friends, and from the Union Insurance, the Club de Recreo, of which he was a former committee member, and the Lyric Orchestra, of which he was manager.

To-day's Thought.

The most inconsistent people are those who insist that they are consistent.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of January 15, 1922.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/7 1/2.

Hong Kong's newest garrison unit arrived here yesterday by the s.s. Himalaya, and disembarked in the Naval Yard early in the afternoon. Besides the relieving troops, who belong to the 2nd Battalion, King's Liverpool Regiment, Major General Sir John Fowler, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., successor to Lieut. General Kirkpatrick as G.O.C. the troops in China, was on board with Lady Fowler and the Misses Fowler.

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If you want to know the whole history of the most important house in London, 10, Downing Street, you will have to spend £2 12s. 6d. on the fourteenth volume of the great Survey of London which B. T. Batsford, Ltd., publish for the London County Council.

It is perhaps the most absorbing of the whole series, though it deals with only a tiny corner of the parish of St. Margaret, Westminster, just a few square yards of ground on the west side of Whitehall, between the Horse Guards and Downing Street.

Two Important Pictures. And among its 168 plates and 71 illustrations in the text are two important photographs. They are pictures of the very heart of the British Empire, the Cabinet room at 10, Downing Street. Mr. Baldwin gave special permission for them to be taken, in 1927, on condition that the L. C. C. should retain the copyright and not allow the reproduction of them.

One can scarcely realise, without seeing the pictures in this book, what a beautiful house it is. The doors and fireplaces are masterpieces, and the wrought-iron balustrade of the main staircase a thing of infinite grace and dignity in its proportions.

It is pleasant to realise that any man, however poor or humble in origin, may live in it, provided only that he is Prime Minister of England; no man may declare that the house is not to let.

Alterations to No. 10. A particularly interesting set of illustrations is that which records the alterations made to No. 10, then called "The Exchequer House," by Sir Robert Walpole, between 1732 and 1735. The sketch elevations of the walls of the main rooms even give the subjects of the pictures on each wall and the names of the artists.

These seven drawings were contained in a scrapbook which is said to have belonged to Horace Walpole, and which was found in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. How it got to New

York is a mystery.

Earlier in the book will be found an exhaustive account of the western portion of King Henry VIII's Whitehall Palace, and of the so-called Holbein Gate across Whitehall, which joined the two halves. Traditionally this gate was designed by Hans Holbein, but it is made clear that tradition is almost certainly inaccurate.

If Holbein had any connection with the gate it was by living over it.

The "Recreational" Part. The western part of the palace was, so to speak, its "recreational" part. Here was the cockpit theatre and the tennis court—real tennis, of course, not lawn tennis—which was not demolished until the 19th century.

The Holbein Gate was pulled down in 1759, because it was such an obstruction to traffic. There was a plan for erecting it at the end of the Long Walk in Windsor Great Park, but it came to nothing. Lady Castlemaine, King Charles II's favourite, lived in rooms which included those above the Gate, and Paps tells us of a fire there in January, 1683-4. There is an independent record, too, of an allowance of £1 made to four men "for their Attendance and pains in playing the water Engine when the fire was at ye Countess of Castlemaine's lodgings."

As for the Cockpit, cock-fighting certainly went on there in James I's reign, and perhaps until 1671, when the Royal Cockpit was built in what is now Queen Anne's Gate. At any rate, it was adapted into a theatre during the later part of its existence, and used as one before it was adapted for the Children of the Blackfriars performed there in January, 1608-9.

Work of Adaptation. This book records in detail, some of the work of adaptation, such as "Hanging the Throne and Chaire in the Cockpit with cloth bound about with whalebone, packthread and wyer, for the better foulding of the same to come down from the Clouds to the Stage."

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

Little Business
Passing.

QUIET.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states:—There was no material change at the morning session, the market being very much on the quiet side, with scarcely any business passing.

Sales.
Trams, \$22.34.
Cements (combined), \$19.60.
Constructions (new), \$1.85.
China Lights, \$26½/\$28.60.
Providents (new), \$2.45.

Buyers.
Benguets, \$11.
Chinese Estates, \$95.
Trams, \$22.60.
Singapore Tractions, 3/4.
Cements (combined), \$19.55.
Cements (old), \$12¼.
Sinceres, \$16.
Providents (old), \$5.30.
Providents (new), \$2.40.
Rwos, Tls. 16.
China Lights, \$26.30.
Canton Icos, \$5½.
Dairy Farms, \$29.30.
Constructions, (new), \$1.80.
H.K. Government Loans, \$2½ per cent. premium.

Sellers.
Indo-Chinas (pref.), \$45.
Indo-Chinas (def.), \$32.
Trams, \$22.80.
Telephones (part paid), \$28¼.
Hotels (old), \$15.20.
Ewos, Tls. 16.30.
Electrics, \$75.
Entertainments (old), \$15¼.

with the gimlet, and then removed two iron bars. The noise of the iron bars being dropped to the ground awoke the occupant of the room, who at once aroused the nuns. The inmates of the temple began to beat gongs, and the intruders, growing alarmed, bolted.

About four hours later, Sergeant Cordeaux who was patrolling the Tsun Wan Road met the four men proceeding towards Laichikok. On his approach, the first defendant threw away the gimlet, which was recovered. When the men were charged they admitted the burglary.

Concluding Sub-Inspector Elston, said he had been instructed to ask for a very heavy penalty. "There is no doubt," he said, "that these men gained entrance, it would have developed into an armed robbery, and I ask Your Worship to impose the heaviest possible penalty."

After the men had been convicted the Prosecuting Officer said that about two hours before the offence on which the defendants had been tried, an armed robbery was committed in the vicinity of the same temple. The complainant had been confronted with the four defendants but was unable to identify them as his assailants owing to the fact that the four men who held him up were wearing black masks. The prosecution was not suggesting that these defendants were the same four, but it went to show that Tsun Wan was becoming the venue of troublesome happenings.

Nine months hard labour was imposed on each.

WHICH IS 'BARRIE'?

"No one so obscure nowadays" (to quote Courage for the last time) "but that he can have a book about him." There have been several about James Matthew Barrie, and there will be more, both in his lifetime and in many years to come, when his books alone survive.

The title of that great work brings us up short against one fact about him which has been taken for granted. He is national,

A-theatre which embodies many of the most elaborate engineering devices in the world and which will be without parallel in Britain will open its doors to the public here on St. George's Day 1932.

It is the new Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, and after a day spent exploring the wonders of its rolling stages, its foyers, restaurants, terraces, and balconies, I realise that to find its equal, a traveller would need to go as far as Bayreuth or Salzburg.

As one approaches Stratford the huge red mass of the building stands out surprisingly from the trees and the gardens which run along the river bank. It is almost the first thing one sees, and proclaims to all comers that the theatre is the most important thing in the town.

At a closer view, one realises that anything which is surprising about it is intentional. It is unexpected to find an important centre of drama in such a place, and this stands for everything that a modern theatre should be. It catches the eye, is dignified, and, above all, is, from one's first glimpse, unmistakably a theatre.

A team of three architects are working on the theatre. Miss Elisabeth Scott won the original competition for designs, and took into partnership Mr. J. C. Shepherd and Mr. Maurice Chesterton. The architects have made full use of the opportunity afforded by the site. A wide terrace leads up to the entrance from the gardens, and steps from the river enable playgoers to arrive by water. Long windows in the restaurant open on to the terrace, while, in the evenings, lights on high poles, their glare hidden by umbrella-like shades, illuminate the forecourt.

70 Feet Above The Stage. Mr. Chesterton led me up a mass of ladders to the top of the tower above the stage, and we looked down 70 ft to the acting area.

There has been much talk lately of "revolving stages," but Mr. Chesterton explained to me that a system, hitherto unknown in this country, has been adopted here which has better results and is less complicated.

As space is not very important when the whole site already belongs to the theatre, it has been possible to provide two "large 'stables'" each as large as the acting area—on either side of the stage. These

are used for setting scenes before they are required, behind sound-proof fire-resisting woollen curtains. When the scene in question is needed, the whole side stage is rolled into the central position on rails, and the stage which was being used in the previous scene moves into the "stable" on the other side of the theatre to be reset.

This allows the producer to make use of the full depth of his stage, whereas with the revolving type he can only set his scene on half of it at a time. The only drawback to the use of a rolling stage in London would be the amount of space which it would take up in a city of high ground rentals.

Precautions Against Fire. Elaborate precautions are being taken to guard against danger from fire. The ventilation system admits fresh air from above, and it is drawn out by exhaust fans under the seats. The general direction of the draught is towards the stage, so that it is directed away from the audience in case of fire. When the safety curtain shuts off the stage, an automatic fan comes into action and draws the air in the same direction.

Most ingenious of all is a device on the roof of the tower. What I can best term a smaller tower comes up in the centre of the main one, the sides being hinged fanlights, kept erect by a connecting line with a fusible link in the middle of it. If fire breaks out this link breaks, the fanlights fall away at the sides, and the whole tower is turned into a colossal chimney.

The object of the architects in planning their auditorium has been to make it as much a meeting place for intelligent people as a playhouse. It will hold about 1,000 people, and there are large foyers on each level, as well as two restaurants.

An elaborate grand staircase, with a curved ceiling, and a fountain at the foot, leads to the circle. There is only one gallery, and the Royal box is at the back of the front section of it. Above the box and the entrance to the more highly priced circle seats comes the "gallery" proper.

"The thing we have aimed at in designing the stage is elasticity," said Mr. Chesterton, "and there is no reason why any producer who works here should not be suited, whether his methods are elaborate and spectacular, or extremely simple."

soul of Scots exiles all over the world.... If you turn Barrie into a London journalist, he will not be one in heart; he will beat against the walls till he is at large with the weapons of a learnt trade added unto him.

The trade, no doubt, clinging to him, and often marring the clearness and liberty of his flight. It is a cocksure thing, this Journalism. When you have been at it for a time, you know surely enough whether your manner is good or bad, accomplished or defective. But you may quite well be ignorant whether your matter be sublime or silly. Through that danger Barrie eventually passed to the mastery shown in the two plays just explored. But it was never certain till they appeared that the imp of Journalism would not spoil romance by a crude or even silly cross-heading. In the end, however, Barrie has given that portion of him wings, which journalists seldom have.—E. J. Harvey Darton, in "J. M. Barrie."

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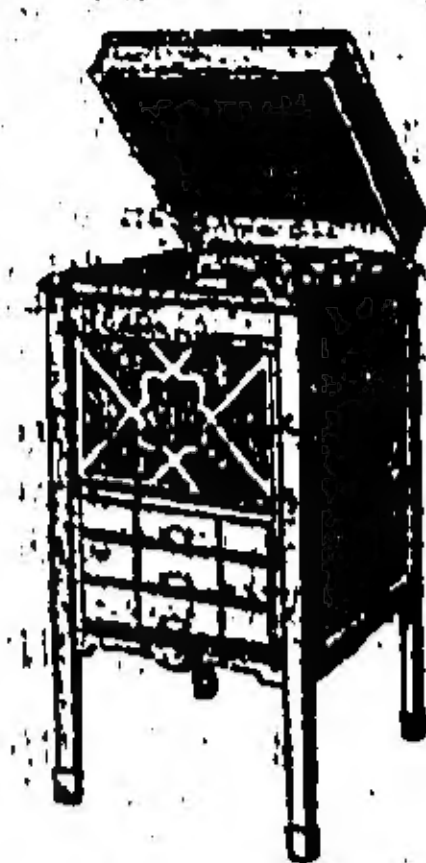
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GOOD RECORD SPOILT.

The facts of an accident which occurred at Aberdeen recently, were disclosed in the Central Police Court this morning, when Traffic Sergeant Dall prosecuted the Chinese driver of the public car, before Mr. Schofield, for driving in a manner that was dangerous. Defendant pleaded guilty.

Sergeant Dall said that defendant overtook a lorry at a bend, on the wrong side, in Aberdeen Road, above Tin Wan village. The over-taken lorry, in order to avoid a collision, swerved to the left and banged into a tree, while the car, in trying to get out of the way of an on-coming lorry, collided with the embankment. Damage was done to the car and the lorry, the more serious sufferer being the lorry.

Scanning defendant's driving record sheet, his Worship remarked—"It is a pity you have spoilt your record like this. It will have to be twenty dollars."

Another Chinese driver was charged with carrying 26 passengers on his lorry, this being in excess of his limit.

Mr. Schofield—You seem to make your lorry into a bus.
Defendant—That day was the funeral of my mistress, and my master instructed me to take this party down to the grave.

His Worship—If you take that number of persons there will be more funerals than one. Fined fifteen dollars.

For having a load on his lorry in excess of that which he is permitted to take, a Chinese driver was fined \$7. An extra fine of \$1 was imposed as he was found to be wearing his hat on entering the Court room, before his case was called.

ATTEMPT TO ROB CHINESE TEMPLE.

Four Coolies
Sentenced.

NINE MONTHS' HARD.

In connection with an attempted robbery of the Po Kwong Yuen Temple, at Lo Wai, Tsun Wan District, four Chinese Ng Chuk-nam, Li Fuk, Chu Kwai and Li Ling were charged before Mr. J. S. MacLaren, at District Office South, this morning, with burglary. The first defendant was in addition, charged with having possession of an instrument fit for an unlawful purpose, to wit, a gimlet.

All defendants, who are unemployed earth coolies, pleaded guilty.

Outlining the case, Detective Sub-Inspector Elston said the attempt occurred at about midnight on January 7. The four defendants broke the woodwork of a window at the back of the temple by prising it

THE LEAGUE WILL SUCCEED

LORD PONSONBY'S BELIEF.

Speaking on "disarmament" at Stockport, Lord Ponsonby said we should not get that freedom from the fear and suspicion which lay at the bottom of the growth of armaments until we could have an international conference on war debts and reparations. His hope rested in the belief that the peoples of the world did not want any more wars. M. Briand said some time ago at the League of Nations that they must give up their separate languages and talk European.

The League of Nations might have failed, but so long as it did not rest on physical force it was likely gradually to gain strength. Referring to the trouble in Manchuria, Lord Ponsonby said people were taking an unreasonable view. He never supposed you could stop wars like turning off a tap. In the League of Nations we had an instrument which, in spite of the stopping of newspapers, was acting gradually as a force to pull apart the opposing Japanese and Chinese armies, and he believed it would succeed. He was perfectly certain we were not going to have a third world war on a large scale. Two things, security and agree-

sion, were preventing disarmament. It was a mistaken idea that armaments brought security, and there was no such thing as unprovoked aggression. He was sceptical about the decisions which the forthcoming International Disarmament Conference would make. They might decide to reduce tonnage or personnel, but he did not feel any security in that. "I am rather in favour of war being as barbarous and savage and bloody as you can make it," he said. "Reduced armaments will show good results, but do not know whether it is going to take us very far along the road to the abolition of war."

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Some countries own more old ships than others, but taking the merchant fleets under all flags, they contain 3,220 vessels of 6,124,543 tons which are between 20 and 25 years old, and no fewer than 8,592 vessels of 11,664,698 tons which are more than 25 years old. If these two classes be taken together as representing old and, for the most part, inefficient tonnage, we reach the conclusion that in the merchant navies of the leading maritime countries, there are 11,812 ships of 17,789,241 tons which were completed either towards the close of the 19th century or in the early years of the present century and survived the intensive submarine campaign. They were employed continuously in the submarine-infected areas, scant attention being given to repairs owing to the shortage of ships, and they are consequently older than their age would suggest. In fuel consumption they are more extravagant than modern vessels, which possess engines which are far more economical in service. To sum the matter up, under all flags there are 68,723,000 tons of shipping, and of this tonnage 8.91 per cent. is from 20 to 25 years old, while no less than

Country.	Tons, gross, owned.	15 and under 20 yrs.	20 and over 25 yrs.	Over 25 yrs.
Great Britain and Ireland	20,194,000	14.40	8.57	5.28
British dominions	2,934,000	13.02	12.78	21.48
British total	23,128,000	14.22	9.11	9.96
United States	12,784,000	7.46	8.83	13.80
Japan	4,276,000	9.25	7.02	21.85
Germany	4,226,000	8.27	7.79	15.37
Norway	4,062,000	9.06	6.31	12.35
France	3,513,000	14.28	10.10	13.24
Italy	3,274,000	9.17	9.20	29.41
Holland	3,111,000	19.21	8.01	5.35
Sweden	1,679,000	8.68	9.34	31.20
Greece	1,398,000	10.88	18.39	57.35
Spain	1,212,000	6.10	4.19	36.42
Denmark	1,133,000	12.99	4.29	19.39
Other countries	4,917,000	11.20	11.89	39.44
World total	68,723,000	11.39	8.91	16.97

A year ago, 7.83 per cent. of British tonnage was over 20 years of age, but under 25 years, and 7.95 per cent. was over 25 years of age. To-day the corresponding percentages have increased to 8.57 and 8.28 respectively. The percentage of old foreign tonnage has increased from 19.33 per cent. to 20.59 per cent., in the case of tonnage over 25 years of age, but has

decreased from 9.93 per cent. to 20.59 per cent. In the case of tonnage between 20 and 25 years of age.

Hopes Unfulfilled.
"Why," may be asked, "are not these old ships broken up?" The failure to take what may seem to be a reasonable course may be attributed to several causes. Many of these vessels have been mort-

gaged to banks, others belong to owners whose financial reserves are exhausted, and who cannot afford to build new ships, while others are owned by firms which have many new ships which "leaven the whole." For several years past there has been a feeling that soon the shipping depression would end, and that with a rise of freights, these older ships would again be employed at a profit. These hopes have not been fulfilled, with the result that, as freights have fallen, the sale value of these ships has declined. Most of them could not be sold now except at what a short time ago would have been regarded as bargain prices—anything from 7/6 to 40/- a ton. If there were a general movement to send such tonnage to the shipbreakers' yards, the market would be so demoralized that prices would fall still lower. So these ships remain afloat, the charges which their maintenance involves being paid in order to avert their inevitable fate.

So far every attempt to solve the problem has failed for want of international agreement. In the meantime, with every month that passes, the volume of this tonnage continues to increase as new ships are built, in many cases with the aid of State subsidies, as in the United States, France, and Italy.

Increase of Tonnage Since 1914.
The growth of the merchant fleets of the world, in spite of the toll of submarine, mine, and raiders, during the Great War, has continued unchecked from year to year. The world's shipping in June, 1914, was 45,404,000 tons, and now it is of 68,723,000, an increase of 23,319,000 tons. This expansion has been mainly due to the feverish construction which has taken place in the United States, Japan, Norway, Italy, Holland, and France. Neither British nor Dominion owners have made considerable additions to their fleets. There are only 1,802,000 tons more under the British flag than there were before the outbreak of the Great War, while the development of the Dominion fleets has been on about the same scale. Consequently, the problem of surplus tonnage has been due, not to the action of the shipowners of the British Empire, but to the overbuilding of foreign owners. As they have created the problem, presumably they must solve it. So far there is no evidence that they realise their responsibility. Indeed, the tendency on their part is to evade it by granting subsidies to enable their ships to keep the seas. The taxpayer in these countries are, in effect, being fined in order to preserve large numbers of old ships which should have been broken up long ago. In view of the great loss of money which this step involves, it would in the end be an economy to scrap these vessels because the large sums, which are being swallowed up in maintenance charges would be saved. But there are psychological reasons why this reasonable step is not taken. The break-

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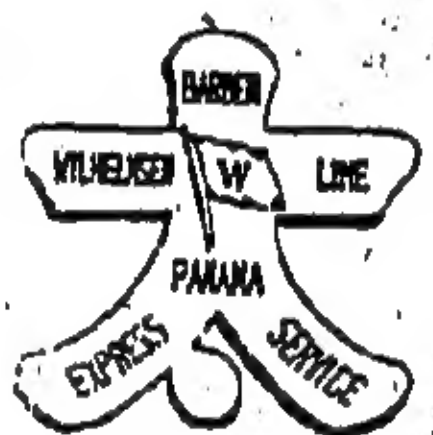
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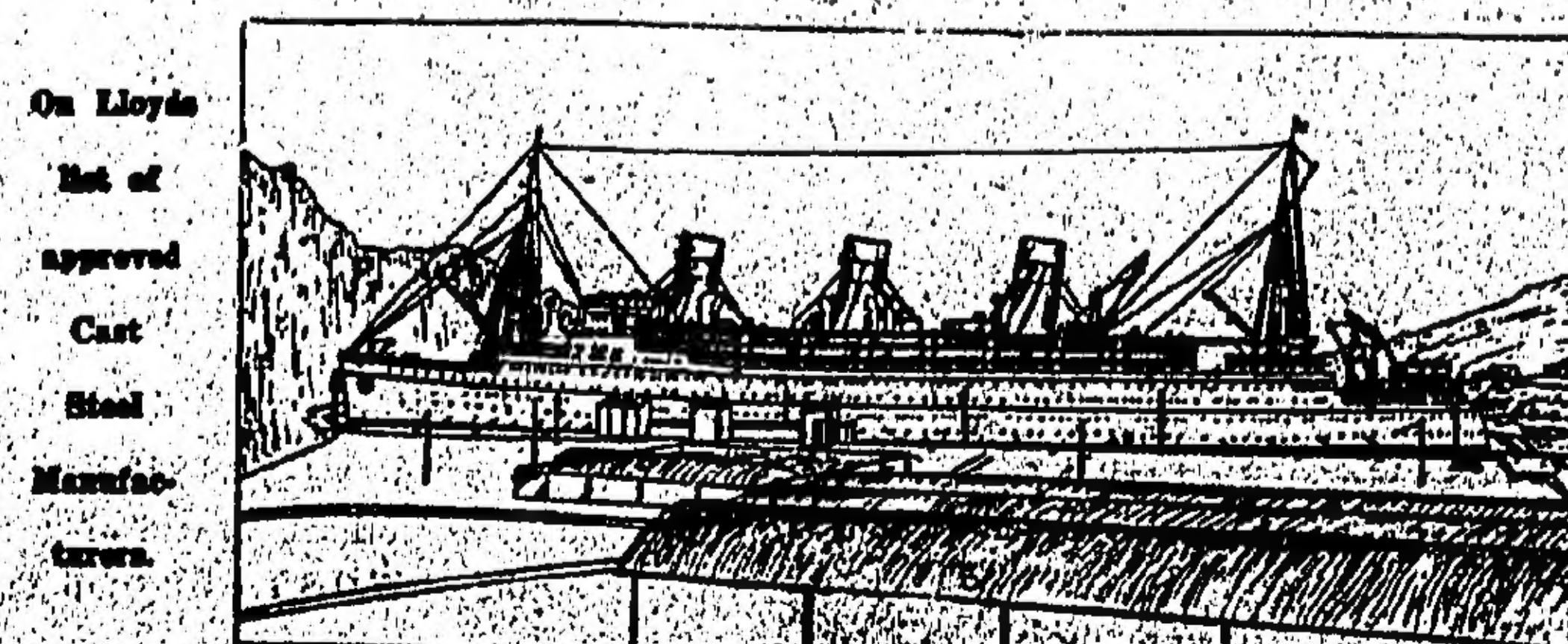
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TALKIE TALKS

by
Diane

I have seen the delightful
Jeanette Macdonald in an absurd
trifle called "The Affairs of
Annabelle," and it made me forget
my worries for a time. A laugh-
worthy Fox film that sparkles with
bright lines, well spoken by a cast
of experts, foremost being Miss
Macdonald.

Roland Young is cast as a young
millionaire who likes his liquor,
and Victor McLaglen is seen as the
husband whom Annabelle fails to
recognise. Two good "bits" are
done by Sam Hardy and the second
comic, you remember liking Miss
Macdonald in "Don't Bet On
Women," and recognising her flair
for comedy, but missing the golden
voice singing for us. In this play,
she does one small number, and I
still think she is the best of all
the screen sopranos. Roland
Young I like immensely. He has
the unique faculty of seeming
always to play absurdly brief roles,
wherein he continually leaves his
audience wishing for more; he has
a humour, an insinuating voice, rare
intelligence and polish—a British
gentleman.

He is to be with Chevalier in
"One Hour With You," and think
of him added to the cast with the
fair Jeanette and Charles Ruggles.
I shall be interested in seeing who
"steals" the picture, as Charles and
Roland make a habit of doing that.
The likeable Victor has the greatest
gifts in that smile, his magnificent
physique, and the attraction of
always being just himself. I would
call this a far-fetched fantastic
comedy, but one that gives the feel-
ing of real enjoyment. (King's).

Marion Davies' best work is in
"Five and Ten" (at least that is
what my friends write me from
Hollywood). I can get such a
thrill out of the "Five and Ten"
Cent stores, that I feel I am going
to like this story. Richard Ben-
nett, the father of the famous girls,
and Kent Douglas are rated high
in this film which is coming to
Queen's.

"The Man They Couldn't Arrest"
is a British Ideal Film with stage
actors whose names surely ensure
success. Hugh Wakefield is in a
class by himself as the monocular
inventor around whose wizard in-
vention the story revolves.
Nicholas Hannen is the father of
the girl. In the film is Renee
Clara, a London girl, who has
many film successes to her credit.
If you know your London stage,

Hannen needs no introduction.
The story is by "Seamark," and we
have mystery, Scotland Yard, and
surprises all through—a most in-
teresting picture done in the best
manner by this first-rate British
Company. Remember the slogan—
"Buy British"—and be sure to visit
the Queen's.

The one and only Maurice
Chevalier—the incomparable—is
paying a return date this time at
the Central. I have written in
such eulogistic terms of "The Smil-
ing Lieutenant" that there is no
need for me to repeat again that
I think it as fine as "The Love
Parade." (I know lots of people
who like it better). I do not rank
Miriam Hopkins, as Princess Anna,
one whit above Claudette Colbert
as Franz—both perfection in their
respective parts. Maurice? Ah!
the man who brings a world of
meaning in the flash of an eye, the
raising of an eyebrow, he who still
possesses the gift of pantomime, a
fast-dying art. Then to record
why this play with its subtle wit,
its naughtiness, is such a success,
spell Lubitch, and you have the
real reason.

He brings out the best in
Maurice. It is like its famous pre-
decessor, worth seeing again and
again; delightful music, which is,
as you know, the world-famous
"Waltz-dream," haunting melodies
with clever up-to-date lyrics by the
ever-green Briton, Clifford Gray.
Place all these clever artists in
one play with one of the greatest
directors at the megaphone, and
you have a world-wide success with
appeal to young and old, and all
races. (Central).

"Tilly of Bloomsbury" brings a
new star to local audiences.
Phyllis Konstam (now the wife of
the British Tennis champion,
Bunny Austin), Ellis Jeffreys with
years of stage successes, Ena
Grossmith, daughter of the unfor-
gettable old gaily favourite
George, and a comedian over whom
the critics at home rave, Sydney
Howard, about stealing the show,
as far as I can hear. It is an
amusing little farce with its
moments of tragedy, written by one
of the most liked play writers we
have—Ian Hay. Advised. (King's).

"Oh Sailor Behave" is the first
picture of two well-known vaude-
villians—Olsen and Johnson. If
you can go by the screams of
laughter that went up on the show-
ing of a rather long "Trailer" you
can see this picture is still a
big "draw" here. There is music,
pretty girls, and Lowell Sherman
giving of his best comedy; Irene
Delroy (not unlike the Bennett
girl) and Charlie King sing love
duets. Music bath charms, and
after all it is the one universal
language, so I am in favour of
these musical plays, and am still
anxiously awaiting the other
Warner triumph "Viennese Nights,"
which holds the same record in
Singapore as "The Smiling
Lieutenant." (Queen's).

Who is James Dunn?—Ah! he is
the man who tucks a picture away
under his arm and simply walks
away with it—"The Bad Girl".
Have you read Vivia Delmar's
novel? Well, you will find every-
thing in the film version. Sex ap-
peal, laughter, pathos and love.
Then also there is a little girl I
have been watching ever since I
saw her in "Let Us Be Gay"—Sally
Eilers—who by sheer ability is
being given real "breaks" not be-
cause she is the pampered wife of
an immensely wealthy man, Hoot
Gibson. In this play she is human
and sympathetic. It is the ordi-
nary life of boys and girls who live,
love, marry and die. Just common-
place tenement people, but they
make this play arresting and fas-
cinating. Then, again we must
speak of the power of direction.
Frank Borzage, who gave us
"Seventh Heaven," who made Janet
Gaynor and Charles Farrell act as
they have never done since. My
best informant says that Borzage
has excelled himself; he tells me
that he miss this outstanding pic-
ture at our peril. I hear, too, that
another stage artist, "Mina
Gombel," is splendid, and that the
whole cast is about perfection.
James Dunn is only twenty-six
years of age.

He has tried many modes of life,
had more than his share of the
"downs," being of Irish descent,
he retains a marvellous gift of
humour. In appearance he is
quite ordinary, his speech amaz-
ingly true to type, and completely
natural. His salary is going up by
leaps and bounds, but his head is
not turned, and he is so crazy to
have a real home with his own
folks in Hollywood that he is out
to save his money, and just go on
turning out successes, one after
the other. Dunn has set the
critics and the "fans" all agog with
joy, over this, his first screen ap-
pearance, and each picture is as
good as the other, so reports say.
It is scheduled to be shown soon,
but I hope to have another chance
to talk about the picture that is
breaking all box-office records.
(King's).

In my last week's talk, I men-
tioned that a young man would
be watching in the Central film
"Common Law." He is Robert
Williams, who has only recently
come to the pictures, and I think
had done but three, the last named
"Platinum Blond," in which he took
the lead with Jean Harlow. In the
little he had to do in "Common
Law," being of Irish descent,

HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE.

Jan. 12, 1932.

Butcher Meat.

	1932.	1931.	1914.
	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Beef Sirloin	38	24	13
Prime Cut	30	23	11
Roast	33	24	12
Breast	30	20	13
Soup	27	20	13
Steak	33	24	12
Steak Sirloin	46	30	15
Sausages	86	26	20
Bullock's Brains	17	10	12
Tongue, fresh	75	50	60
Tongue, corned	60	—	—
Head	1.20	—	1.20
Heart	14	18	14
Hump, Salt	24	20	18
Feet	13	10	13
Kidneys	15	10	12
Tail	27	20	22
Liver	14	13	14
Tripe	8	6	7
Calves Head & Feet	1.50	1.00	1.00
Mutton Chop	44	26	—
Leg	44	26	—
Shoulder	40	24	—
Saddle	44	—	—
Pig's Chittlings	30	27	—
Brains	Per set 4	—	—
Feet	16	15	—
Fry	30	15	18
Heart	20	20	—
Kidneys	15	10	10
Liver	58	30	24
Pork Chop	38	25	23
Leg	40	—	—
Loin	44	60	70
Fat or Lard	25	21	—
Sheep's Head & Feet	60	60	70
Heart	12	8	7
Kidneys	15	12	10
Liver	45	26	25
Sucking Pig, to order	25	25	22
Suet, Beef	30	20	18
Mutton	36	26	26
Veal	22	20	20
Sausages	28	—	—
No. 1	32	—	—

Fish.

	lb.	52	16	24
Barbel	32	20	16	—
Bream	32	20	16	—
Canton Fresh Water	32	—	—	—
Carp	32	13	16	—
Codfish	38	16	27	—
Codfish	38	12	9	—
Crabs	56	16	17	—
Cattle Fish	28	23	26	—
Dab	26	16	27	—
Dace	48	23	16	—
Dog Fish	22	10	—	—
Sole, Conger	64	10	8	—
Fresh Water	70	16	—	—
Yellow	52	10	8	—
Frogs	84	26	30	—
Garoupa	1.10	82	25	—
Gudgeon	24	40	30	—
Herring	32	22	18	—
Herring	38	18	23	—
Halibut	32	18	15	—
Labrus	80	22	13	—
Loach	76	62	24	—
Lobsters	48	32	21	—
Mackerel	48	20	20	—
Monk Fish	38	18	2	—
Oysters	48	12	2	—
Parrot Fish	28	14	9	—
Perch	28	30	15	—
Pike	44	16	9	—
Plaice	54	36	29	—
Pomfret, White	56	38	30	—
Pomfret, Black	44	36	45	—
Prawns	80	10	14	—
Ray	26	10	14	—
Rock Fish	26	18	13	—
Roach	40	22	10	—
Salmou	58	88	30	—
Shark	20	8	10	—
Skate	20	10	10	—
Shrimps	62	33	30	—
Snapper	42	38	30	—
Sole	34	22	28	—
Tench	36	28	85	—
Turbot	36	12	12	—
Turtles, small fr. water	1.55	12	12	—

Poultry.

	lb.	70	30	31
Chicken	58	28	30	—
Capons, Small	62	28	30	—
Capons, Large	45	22	21	—
Duck	45	22	21	—
Geese	40	25	20	—
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	38	18	—	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	40	25	20	—
Fowls, Canton	56	36	24	—
Fowls, Hainan	54	35	24	—
Geese	48	24	24	—
Pigeons, Canton	45	30	—	—
Holow	36	29	—	—
Turkeys, Cook	76	61	45	—
Turkeys, Hen	76	61	45	—
Snipe	28	—	—	—
Quail	30	—	—	—
Partridges	1.00	—	—	—

Fruits.

Almonds	lb.	1.20	35	—
Apples (California)	24	26	—	—
Bananas (bride's)	6	4	—	—
Carambola	12	—	—	—
Cocounts	each	14	10	10
Lemons, China	lb.	12	25	30
Lemons (American)	each	12	8	—
Litchies, Dried	lb.	1.00	25	30
Oranges (Canton)	20	—	—	—
Oranges	16	—	15	—
Pears (Canton)	36	—	—	—
Peanuts	14	10	12	—
Perseimmons, Large	12	—	—	—
Plantain	8	—	—	—
Pumelo, Siam	each	15	12	6
Walnuts	lb.	30	—	16
Grapes	60	—	—	—

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes	each	12	—	1
Beans, Sprout	lb.	6	—	7
Long	—	—	—	8
Beet Root	12	—	—	—
Bitter Squash	8	24	—	—
Brijals, Green	8	5	3	—
Red	8	5	3	—
Cabbage, Chinese	10	—	—	—
(Shanghai)	12	12	—	—
Cane Shoots, bunch	4	—	—	—
Cardiflowers (Large)	each	25	—	—
(Medium)	20	—	—	—
(Small)	20	6	6	—
Carrots	6	5	6	—
Celery, Chinese	16	10	6	—
Chillies, Dried	18	25	6	—
Red	14	10	10	—
Green	8	8	12	—
Curry Stuf, English	10	8	—	—
Cucumbers	2	—	—	—
Garlic	8	6	6	—
Ginger, Young	10	7	—	—
Old	8	20	—	—
Horseradish, Shanghai	60	8	4	—
Indian Corn	each	10	45	—
Lettuce	lb.	6	1	—
Water Chestnuts	12	—	—	—
Mandarin	14	—	—	—
Mushrooms, Fresh	—	—	—	—
Okra	1	10	—	—
Onions, Bombay	10	8	8	—
Green	6	4	6	—
Shanghai	8	6	—	—
Parley	80	60	8	—
Potato, Sweet	5	8	—	—
Japanese	3	—	—	—
American	8	3	—	—
Pumpkin	5	4	4	—
Radish	—	—	—	—
Rhubarb (Fresh)	10	—	—	—
Shallots	8	—	—	—
Spinach	10	8	—	—
Tomatoes	12	4	—	—
Taro	6	7	—	—
Turnips, Punt (Long)	6	6	—	—
Vegetable Marrow	10	4	—	—
Water Cress	15	15	—	—
Water Lily Root	6	15	—	—

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Ships Collision Case.

In the Admiralty Court this morning, arguing in connection with the action arising out of the collision between the C.N. Co. s.s. Kiangsu and the N.Y.K. s.s. Toyooka Maru, Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., for the C.N. Co., said that as it was imperative for all ships to keep to the starboard, the onus was on the Toyooka Maru to justify her manoeuvre by showing what obstacles there were to prevent her from keeping to her proper side. He maintained that the Japanese ship had failed to discharge this onus, and further argued that she could have anchored with complete safety to the south of the point at which she was. If a ship had to anchor on account of fog it must anchor immediately and not wander about.

Temple Burglary.

As a result of attempting to burgle a temple at Tsun Wan four Chinese were convicted at the District Office South this morning.

Motor Smash.

A recent Aberdeen Road motor smash, in which a public motor car, driven by a Chinese, and a motor lorry were involved, had its sequel in the Central Magistracy this morning when the public car driver was fined \$20 by Mr. Schofield for dangerous driving. In imposing the fine, the Magistrate remarked that it was a pity that defendant should have spoilt a good driving record.

British Industries Fair.

The Prince of Wales has signified his intention to visit the Birmingham section of the Fair when it opens.

British Cabinet.

The Cabinet is busy now in connection with problems connected with Reparations and Disarmament. Important statements of policy on international and domestic issues are to be made when Parliament re-assembles.

Crown Prince of Ethiopia.

Was entertained to a dinner at the Foreign Office last night. There was a distinguished gathering.

Britain and Ireland.

Conversations are now proceeding between the President of the Board of Trade and Irish Free State Ministers in regard to means for improving trade relations between the two countries.

Japanese Shrine to Benefit.

The woman novelist, Mrs. Beck, who died in Kyoto last year has left \$550 for the benefit of a Japanese shrine.

NEWS TABLOIDS AND OVERNIGHT CABLES SUMMARISED.

Mr. Chen's Denial.

Mr. Eugene Chen repudiates the report that he visited the Japanese Consul General in Shanghai to seek the Japanese terms.

Mr. Yoshizawa Arrives.

On his arrival in Tokyo yesterday afternoon Mr. Yoshizawa was installed as Foreign Minister.

Japanese Reply.

Mr. Yoshizawa is expected to deliver the Japanese reply to the American Note to Mr. Forbes today.

India's Financial Strength.

Evidence of India's financial strength is revealed by the fact that the Government is to-day arranging to pay 5½ per cent. sterling loan of \$15,000,000.

Editor's Death.

The death has occurred of Mr. David Croal Pendrigh, joint chief editor of Reuter's news agency.

Record Storms in Sweden.

Sweden is the victim of some of the worst storms on record which have done a great deal of damage in the northern part of the country.

International Press Conference.

The International Press Conference concluded at Copenhagen yesterday morning. The principal resolution passed concerned the best way of coping with the circulation of false news.

A First Class Scandal.

A first class scandal appears to be brewing in Washington as the result of allegations made before the Senate's Finance Committee that the State Department passed the National City Co., last year to complete a \$20,000,000 loan to the Columbian Government.

India.

Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary of State for India, yesterday, to a body of journalists, declared that as long as Britain was responsible for India, so long did she intend to govern.

Bank Rate.

The Imperial bank rate in Bombay is fixed at 7 per cent.

Prince's Enterprise.

The Prince of Wales has initiated a remarkable meeting to be held at the Albert Hall on January 27 when he will speak on social service. It will be broadcast.

Honolulu Unrest.

Racial feeling has again been aroused in Honolulu as the result of an assault on a Portuguese woman by an American who denies the charge.

Hawaiian Authorities.

Laxity on the part of the Hawaiian authorities is the charge made in a report to the House of Representatives Naval Affairs Committee, Washington.

Irish Free State.

Mr. Walter Runciman on Wednesday received representatives of the Irish Free State and the possibilities of improving trade between the two countries was discussed.

Foreign Goods.

It is anticipated that a further Order the Abnormal Importations Act will be issued shortly.

Lausanne Arrangements.

At a further meeting of the Cabinet yesterday morning the Ministers again considered arrangements for the Lausanne Conference.

Desperate Financial Position.

Sir Walter Layton in dealing with the financial situation on Wednesday night said that the German idea that all war debts should be wiped out was very largely non-economies. Should they be wiped out Britain would still be in national debt to the extent of \$16,000,000,000, and the internal debt would still remain.

Empire Currency.

A uniform monetary system for all the Empire countries was recommended in a memorandum passed on Wednesday.

Two Resignations.

Mr. Huang Han-liang and Mr. Ling Kang-hou, Finance Ministers, have resigned on account of their inability to solve the problem of China's financial affairs.

Britain and Disarmament.

Captain Eden, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, yesterday delivered at the Mansion House an important speech in regard to Britain's achievements in the interests of disarmament.

League Inquiry Commission.

Has at last been formally constituted.

MANCHURIA INQUIRY COMMISSION.

Geneva, Yesterday.
M. Briand, together with the League Secretary-General to-day formally set the seal on the Manchurian Commission, which, as forecast, is now finally constituted.—Reuter.

The Members of this Commission are:

Lord Lytton (Britain).
General Claudel (France).
Dr. Schnee (Germany).
Count Aldo Brandini (Italy).
Mr. Hines (American).
It is believed Lord Lytton will, in due course, be elected as President.

JAPANESE SHRINE TO BENEFIT.

Clause in Woman
Novelist's Will.

\$550.

London, Yesterday.

The will of the woman novelist, Mrs. Eliza Louisa Montaby Beck, who died in Kyoto last year, includes a bequest of \$550 to her son, Harry Drake Hodgkinson, with the hope expressed that he apply it for the benefit of the Kinkoin Temple at Koyasan, Japan.—Reuter.

PRINCE OF WALES AND B. I. FAIR.

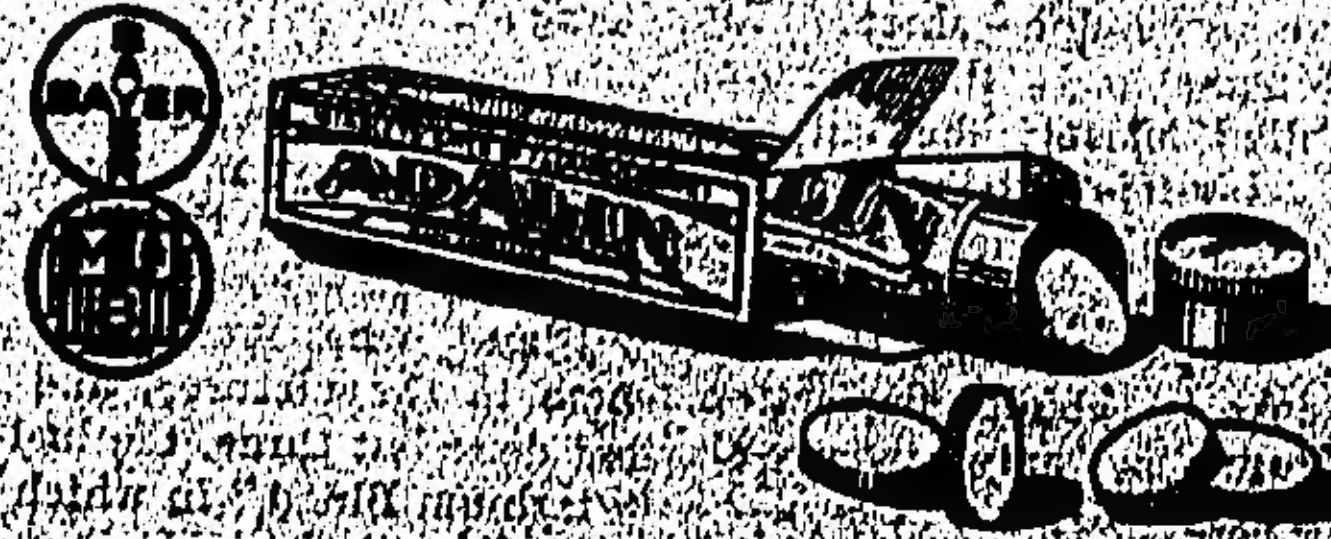
Rugby, Yesterday.

The Prince of Wales has made known his intention of visiting the Birmingham section of the British Industries Fair, which opens on February 22.—British Wireless Service.

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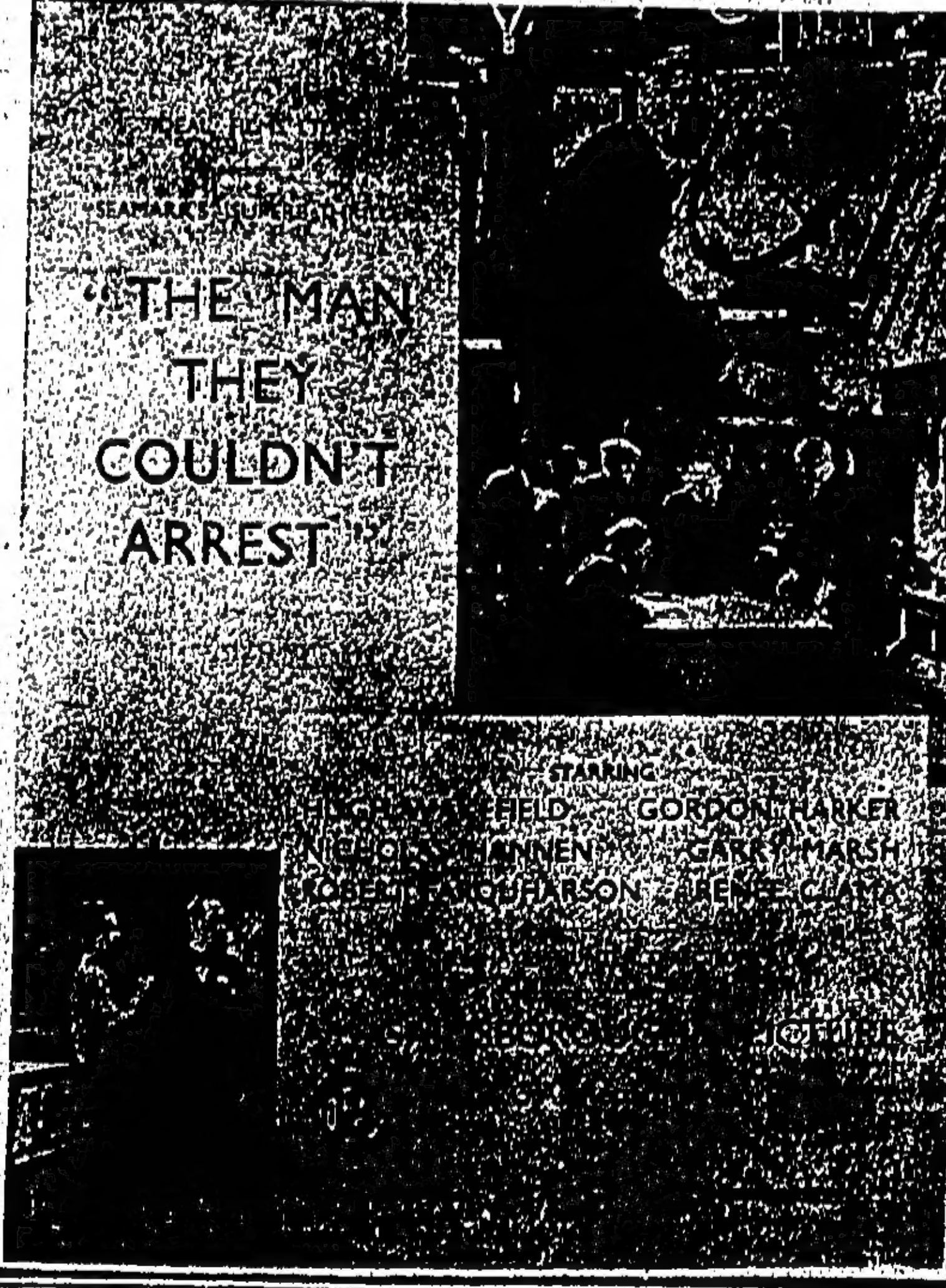
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